

## Current Events

By THOMAS J. O'FLAHERTY

AN American missionary, Haysmeir by name, pleaded guilty in a Co-rean court of having branded a small native boy with acid on both cheeks because he stole some fruit from the missionary's garden. No doubt the clergyman inflicted this punishment on the lad for the latter's spiritual benefit. Did not the Roman inquisitors of the middle ages tear their doubting brethren asunder on the racks, to the accompaniment of tinkling bells and priestly mumbling of prayers?

BARON MUNCHAUSEN made a serious mistake in getting born too soon. That delightfully imaginative person would not only enjoy himself immensely at his favorite profession, but he would find a lucrative market for his wares. Since the world war broke out the art of lying has come into its own. Hitherto prevarication was somewhat of a monopoly in diplomatic circles, but the necessities of the situation made lying a mass occupation. Two cities became famous or notorious—depending on the sympathies of the reader—for the efficiency of their lie mills. They are Helsinki in Finland and Geneva, Switzerland.

WHEN the central powers were defeated the liars turned on Soviet Russia. Tho the volume of production has decreased, it must be admitted that the quality has not deteriorated. Rigga has taken the place of Riga and Geneva is too busy handling the league of nations trade to be a serious competitor. Paris now steps into the ring with a version about the present difference of opinion of the Russian Communist Party that it is worthy of space in this column.

THE yarn is by Paul Scott Mowrer, one of the Chicago Daily News' European correspondents. It appeared in the News of July 30. The early edition had an intelligent and reasonably correct story of the situation from Julius Wood, who is stationed in Moscow. But Mowrer's fable kicked it into the melting pot. Briefly, he tells us that European diplomatic circles see in the struggle between the viewpoints of Stalin and Zinoviev a last stand fight of the "extremists" among which Zinoviev is listed, against the opportunists. Stalin is head of the latter faction, says Mowrer.

HERE is where the pot begins to boil furiously. Bubble, bubble. The correspondent takes another drink of cognac and says that Dzerzhinsky, famous head of the former Cheka, was an extremist and the last remaining hurdle in the way of the opportunists. He was slated for removal and released to leave. He pulled a gun on Trotsky, but was disarmed and ordered executed. This was accomplished by the unusual method of suffocation. Then follows the usual stories of "disorders" here and there, troops rushing back and forth and friends of Dzerzhinsky getting arrested. And, of course, when Dzerzhinsky's room was searched the usual discovery of jewels, etc., was made.

THOSE who suspect everything in the capitalist press to be a lie until proven otherwise will pay no attention to those yarns, but there are thousands of others who take obvious propaganda in the capitalist press as gospel. Mowrer's yarn is too silly to do anything but laugh it off. It is a case of the wish being father to the thought.

SALIVA drips from the mouth of international capitalism as it contemplates the profits it could wring out of the Russian workers and the tremendous raw wealth of their country, if they could only restore the former regime. They know that serious disunity in the Communist Party would weaken the power of the workers and peasants to defend their freedom. So they welcome any sign of division and lie without limit. But their lies will prove ineffective where their bayonets failed.

## Special Articles on Mexico by Manuel Gomez, Secretary of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League

Tomorrow The DAILY WORKER will begin the publication of a series of special articles on the struggle between the present Calles government in Mexico and the catholic church. This struggle seriously concerns all the workers of the United States. They should become acquainted with the issues at stake. There will be five articles. What they will contain is shown by their titles as follows:

- First: The Background of the Present Religious Conflict in Mexico.
  - Second: The Class Lines in the Conflict.
  - Third: The Church and Foreign Intervention in Mexico.
  - Fourth: The Catholic Church and American Imperialism.
  - Fifth: The Meaning of Mexico's "Reformation."
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## CS RIOT AS CALLES RULE SHUTS CHURCHES

### President of Mexico Hits at Reactionaries

(Special to The Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 1.—The taking over of the churches by government authorities for the sealing of religious treasures and the closing of the annexes in accordance with regulations, resulted in a few disturbances growing out of riots caused by Catholics in which three were killed, a score injured and 75 arrested.

A sacrifice and two bystanders were killed in the lower part of Mexico City, it is reported, when Catholics opened fire on police officers who attempted to enter the church. At other churches firemen, police, and later, troops, fought crowds who hurled stones and rioted in demonstrations against the anti-religious decrees.

But Sunday opened with policemen guarding all churches and, in some outlying sections, municipal committees in charge of all religious structures in the respective communities. No manifestations were evident at an early hour.

#### Great Labor Parade.

The great parade of labor that will be participated in besides the members of the Mexican Federation of Labor, by all government employees and members of the labor and socialist parties as well as anti-catholic societies is in preparation and promises to be the greatest demonstration of labor solidarity yet displayed in Mexico. The parades are expected to number well over 100,000.

President Calles issued another statement in which he declared that "reactionaries are in league with the Catholics against the government." Calles said that Sunday's labor demonstration would show the strength of the government in the controversy with the church despite the latter's grip on large priest-ridden masses.

#### Boycott Not Success.

While the economic boycott of the Catholics was put into force on Saturday.

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## EPISCOPAL CHURCHES HEAR NOTHING OF THE PRAYER FOR CATHOLICS

Catholic churches thruout the world prayed for the church in Mexico yesterday as part of the Vatican's campaign to assist the Mexican clergy in its fight against the constitution of 1917, being enforced for the first time by the Calles government. In the United States the propaganda is particularly intense among Catholics because of the possibility of this country's intervention if sufficient pressure is brought to bear.

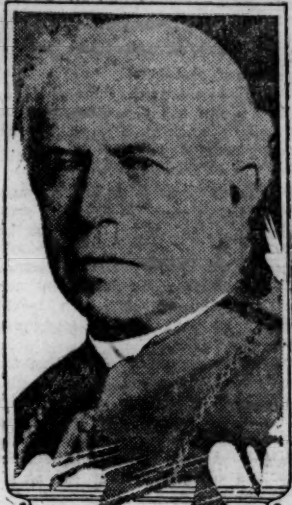
The extent of the movement is indicated by the fact that the Catholics are being joined by protestants in prayers for the church in Mexico. The national publication of the Episcopal church, Living Age, contains a plea for all protestants to pray with the Catholics for "the persecuted church in Mexico."

The journal says that suspension of Catholic services in Mexico by the Catholic church may "very likely be followed by like action on our part."

"We hope," it adds, "that many other American Christians than Roman Catholics will carry out the earnest suggestion of the pope for united prayer on Aug. 1 when the new regime begins."

In Chicago several Episcopal churches announced that they had heard nothing of the proposed prayers.

## MEXICAN ARCHBISHOP WHO LEADS FIGHT OF HIERARCHY IN MEXICO



Archbishop Borja del Rio of Mexico City is the head of the Mexican Catholic church. It was he who sent a pastoral letter to the newspaper El Universal on three different occasions, severely criticizing and denouncing the constitution of 1917 that caused the present struggle between the government and the church to come to a head.

## NEW YORK PARTY STARTS DRIVE TO GET SIGNATURES

### 20,000 Needed for State Ballot

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—The following candidates have been nominated by the Workers (Communist) Party for the coming city and state elections:

For governor, Benjamin Gitlow; for lieutenant governor, Franklin P. Brill of Buffalo; for state comptroller, Juliet Stuart Poyntz; for attorney general, Arthur S. Leeds.

New York City ticket: 2 A. D. Manhattan, Rubin Saltzman; 4th A. D. Manhattan, Meyer Loonin; 6th A. D. Manhattan, Benjamin Lipshitz; 8th A. D. Manhattan, Rebecca Grecht; 10th A. D. Manhattan, John C. McDonald; 12th A. D. Manhattan, Fannie Warshafsky; 14th A. D. Manhattan, Abraham Markoff; 16th A. D. Manhattan, Elmer T. Allison; 18th A. D. Manhattan, Joseph Edgus; 4th Bronx, Rosa Wortis; 5th Bronx, Charles Zimmerman; 7th Bronx, J. Borochovitch; 6th Brooklyn, Samuel Nessim; 14th Brooklyn, George Primoff.

#### Congressional Candidates.

Tenth congressional Dist., Brooklyn, Bertram D. Wolfe; 12th congressional Dist., Man., Harry M. Wintsky; 13th congressional Dist., Man., Charles Krumbeln; 14th congressional Dist., Man., Alexander Trachtenberg; 20th congressional Dist., Man., William Weinstein; 23rd congressional Dist., Bronx, Moissaye J. Olgin.

The task of placing the ticket on the ballot this year is a tremendous one. At least 20,000 signatures must be procured for the state ticket and at least the same amount of signatures for all candidates in New York City. All party members are instructed to immediately turn in their names either to their section manager or to the campaign office and they will then receive instructions as to the procedure in this work and will receive their petitions and territories in which they are to work.

All party members must immediately go to the local office at once and register for this work. They will be assigned to a class for their instructions for signature collecting.

## Negro Runs Against Senator Curtis in Kansas Primaries

TOPEKA, Kans., Aug. 1.—Nick Chiles, Negro, editor of a weekly newspaper in Topeka, will be the lone candidate against United States Senator Charles Curtis in the Kansas republican primaries. The primaries will be held August 3.

## PASSAIC STRIKERS AGAIN SEEK ADMISSION INTO THE A. F. OF L.

PASSAIC, N. J., August 1.—At a mass meeting attended by over 8,000 striking textile workers of Passaic, Lodi and Garfield, it was unanimously decided to again seek admission into the American Federation of Labor.

Further peace negotiations have been placed in the hands of W. Jett Lauck of Washington, Henry T. Hunt and Helen Todd of New York, and Frank P. Walsh.

## Miners' Delegates Coming

(Special to The Daily Worker)

LONDON, August 1.—Expressing the hope that the organized labor movement of America might do as well as the trade unions of Soviet Russia have done in making substantial contributions in cash to the 1,200,000 striking coal miners of Great Britain and their wives and children, a delegation of the British Miners' Federation sailed yesterday on the Berengaria to conduct a campaign thruout the United States for strike relief.

The delegation, composed of four miners' representatives together with Ben Tillet, A. A. Purcell and Ellen Wilkinson, all labor party members of the British parliament, are sailing at the invitation of the American labor unions and will be received as the guests of the American Federation of Labor and its largest industrial union, the United Mine Workers of America.

From New York, the delegation will go directly to the headquarters of the United Mine Workers at Indianapolis, where the U. M. W. of A. officials will take charge of the campaign and the itinerary of the speakers. The duration of the campaign will depend upon the needs of the British miners, who are fighting against a wage cut and the longer work day law recently passed by parliament.

## JOIN A. F. OF L., WEISBORD URGES MILL STRIKERS

### Make Bosses Deal with Union, Urges Leader

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PASSAIC, N. J., Aug. 1.—"Soon we shall go back into the mills with an unbreakable union," declared Albert Weisbord, leader of the Passaic textile strike at the mass meeting of the strikers at which they discussed the terms of settlement presented to Senator Borah and their attitude towards the American Federation of Labor.

"The fake issues of Weisbord and Communism are done away with," he declared, "for I explained to Senator Borah that they had only been injected into the situation by mill owners who wished to evade discussion of the real issues. I told him that Weisbord will never stand in the way of the interests of the workers. My interests are separate and apart from the interests of the workers. I came here because I understood the need of the workers, their desperate situation. After six months of struggle in which a strong union has been built that cannot be broken, Weisbord is willing to step aside."

Over and over again he emphasized that although he might eliminate himself from negotiations, "the organization cannot and must not withdraw." He told the workers that he had made this a condition of settlement in his talks with Borah, that the mills must deal with the union.

Touching on the attitude of the United Front Committee toward affiliation with the American Federation of Labor, Weisbord referred to it as "the main stream of American labor from which we cannot afford to be separate." He reaffirmed amid applause of the strikers the unqualified desire of the United Front Committee to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor.

Four representatives of the Associated Societies and Parishes of Passaic and vicinity spoke at the meeting, urging the strikers to stand firm with their leadership. The Citizens Committee was bitterly assailed. The speakers were: Chairman W. R. Vanecek, Rev. C. L. Orbach, Rev. Michael Sotak, and Rev. Ivanyslin Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and Robert Dunn were the other speakers.

"The clubbing of the furriers, who are American Federation of Labor members, in Passaic on Sunday is an outrage that will never be forgotten," declared Flynn. "These innocent people, who were wished to show their solidarity with their Passaic brothers and were brutally attacked and wounded, have showed their defiance to the cossacks with a contribution of \$5,000, delivered this morning."

A crude attempt to frame-up Albert Weisbord was made by a cop that was quite drunk and full of plans. The cop hopped onto the running board of the car Weisbord was in and chirped: "You're under arrest."

"What am I arrested for?" inquired Weisbord.

"For blocking traffic," piped the cop. "How can I be blocking traffic when I am sitting in this car?" asked Weisbord.

"Well, you're under arrest for giving trouble," the cop said.

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## SACCO-VANZETTI CASE DELAYED TILL AUTUMN; HEAR FROM PARIS

(Special to The Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Mass., August 1.—Ten thousand workers gathered in a mass meeting in Paris on July 27 to protest against the execution of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti for murders blamed on them in this state, according to cable dispatches received here. The meeting was called by the Confederation Generale du Travail.

Owing to the continued illness of Judge Webster Thayer, who presided at the Sacco-Vanzetti trial, it is indicated in legal circles here that there will be no hearing on a pending motion for a new trial until autumn. This motion is based on the confessions of Celestino Medeiros, that he and other gangsters committed the payroll murders at South Braintree in 1920 for which the two Italian laborites were convicted.

## RUSSIA AND THE NEGROES

THE writer of this article, Professor William Pickens, formerly dean of Morgan College, Baltimore, is one of the most influential leaders in the Negro liberation movement in the United States. He is now field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Since the time when Pickens, as a Negro laborer without any early school advantages, won the first prize for oratory at Yale University, he has been known as one of the ablest speakers and writers in the United States. He is author of the books, "Bursting Bonds" and "The American Aesop." At the LaFollette convention in Cleveland in 1924, Pickens created a sensation by jumping on the platform as an uninvited guest, compelling the attention of the convention and making a powerful but vain plea for a stand against the Ku Klux Klan.

By DEAN WILLIAM PICKENS.

IN New York newspapers we have just read the following headline: "Reds Trying to Convert Negroes to Communism." And under that headline was the following story. We give it complete:

"Russian Communists are seeking to organize Communist groups among American Negroes, according to Scotland Yard, which has been investigating the activities of Communists here (in London). The Soviet strategy is alleged to be to induce Negroes playing in local dance halls and night clubs to accept large sums to appear in Moscow, where they would be converted to Communism and then sent to the United States to spread the doctrine."

Whether the positive statement in that headline is true or not we do not know—and do not care—but we know that the story supporting the headline is too weak to justify the headline. But this is the usual American newspaper method of lying: to get hold of a little story which, as is evident in this case, may be only a mixture of irrelevant details and embellished guesses, and then to write some big headline which is not even justified by those details and guesses. What more, for example, has the hiring of Negro vaudeville actors to come to Moscow and put on shows to do with converting Negroes to Communism than the hiring of Negro actors from New York to come to London and put on shows has to do with converting American Negroes to monarchism?

And, mind you, we are not saying nor implying that Russian Communists would be doing anything foolish or criminal if they were seeking to convert Negroes to Communism by letting them see what it is and how it works. That would be just about the most sensible and the fairest way we could ever think of for converting anybody to anything. If an experience with Communism and Communism converts anybody to that system of society, they ought to be converted to it. Seeing Russia will doubtless get American Negroes or anybody else much nearer to the truth about that country than reading American newspapers about Russia. We will bet anybody down to the last dollar we possess that if Mississippi wanted to convert Negroes from any other part of the world to a belief in Mississippi methods, Mississippi democrats would never attempt to do it by inducing colored people to "come and see" how the thing works in Mississippi. This willingness to be seen—and seen intimately, is at least one point in Russia's favor.

Now, if Russia is only half as bad as American newspapers have pictured it, the best way in the world to turn same man against it would be to



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let him see it for himself. Frankly, it seems to us that Mississippi and New York newspapers are afraid that if American Negroes see Moscow they may conclude that it is a darn sight better civilization than what they see in Vicksburg and Yokkers.

I tell you there is something inconsistent between this American report about Russia and this American report about American Negroes. They are certainly not afraid that American Negroes will hate what they see in Russia, or that they will conclude that Mississippi is a better place to live in than is "awful" Russia. If a visit to Moscow were expected to make Negroes more willing to be oppressed in Mississippi, then Mississippi would send annually a state delegation of Negroes to Moscow, to come back and report.

Well, what ARE they afraid of? Draw your own conclusions, Sambo.

## INDIANAPOLIS TRACTION STRIKERS ARE GIVEN HEAVY SENTENCES FOR DEFYING ANTI-UNION INJUNCTION

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., August 1.—Sentences ranging from 10 to 40 days in the Marion county jail were handed down here today by Federal Judge Baltzell against 7 of the 11 men convicted of violating a federal injunction in connection with the street car strike here.

John M. Parker and Robert B. Armstrong, vice-presidents of the Amalgamated Street Railway Employees' Association, received the heaviest sentences of 90 days each.

## INSULL WILL BE ASKED WHY HE GAVE COIN

### Labor Leaders Said to Be Embarrassed

Why Samuel Insull, Clement Studebaker, Ira D. Copley, utility magnate, and Daniel Schuyler, Insull attorney, contributed the sum of \$206,235 to Frank L. Smith's campaign fund, will be the object of Senator Reed's inquisitorial powers when the senate slush committee's probe into the Illinois primaries reconvenes in the federal building tomorrow at 10 a. m. Money For Everybody.

In addition to the funds contributed by Insull to Smith's senatorial campaign he also gave \$35,000 more to the three Cook county tickets, of the three rival groups. He donated \$10,000 to the Deneen group treasury, \$10,000 to the Crowe-Barrett chest and \$15,000 to the Brennan democrats.

How much the good Samaritan contributed to the Small-Lundin campaign kitty remains to be divulged. Fred Lundin, leader of the Small forces, is expected to be called to the witness stand next Tuesday and asked to tell how much Insull and other interested parties contributed to the expenses of his ticket.

Gave One Quarter. Thus three men interested in public utilities have contributed twenty-five per cent of all the moneys known to be expended in the primaries. The total amount known to be spent is \$965,135.47. The total contributions of the three utility men are \$241,235.19.

The immediate results of the investigation is a campaign against Frank L. Smith by the anti-Small wing of the Illinois G. O. P. Unless an independent candidate takes the field in the fall elections, there are indications that this faction may throw its support to Geo. E. Brennan, also a utility beneficiary, the only to the extent of \$15,000. A small sum, it is true, but the principle! This is a joke. It is reported that Brennan is now kicking himself with his wooden leg for having accepted Insull's bounty.

There is Gnashing of Teeth. Another group that is doing a lot of head-scratching these days is the labor officials that backed Smith for the senatorship. Walker, Farrington and Glander, do not feel the sting so badly as is reported, being well accustomed to seeing their names linked with big business and crooked politics. But John Fitzpatrick and Edward Nockels don't feel at all comfortable. It is not so very long ago that they were boosting a labor party and denouncing all labor leaders who worked for and with the capitalist parties.

The fact that the matter will probably be discussed on the floor of the

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## 'NO PROPAGANDA', JUDGE'S PLEA IN RAKOSI'S TRIAL

### Seek to Gag Militant Worker on Stand

BUDAPEST, Hungary, July 12.—(By Imprecor)—At nine o'clock this morning the trial of Mathias Rakosi and his associates began. The entire court building was surrounded by a cordon of police and detectives. A large crowd of workers gathered in front of the court building. The crowd greeted the defendants on their way to the trial with loud cheers. The workers tried to gain admission to the court building. In order to be present at the trial but were prevented from doing so by the police.

Crowded Courtroom. Most of the public in the courtroom consists of detectives, prosecuting attorneys and jurists. A large number of foreign journalists are present at the trial, amongst them Dr. Kurt Rosenfeld and Dr. Arthur Rosenberg, members of the German reichstag, and Kreibich, member of the Czechoslovakian parliament. Most of the session was devoted to the registration

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## GO SLOWLY ON CONTRACTS IN N. Y. MARKET

### Garment Strikers Hold Jobbers to Account

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
NEW YORK CITY, Aug. 1.—A total of 30 garment manufacturers have settled to date with the Cloakmakers' Union joint board on union terms, it was announced at the offices of the joint board. However, despite 200 applications from manufacturers and jobbers, David Dubinsky, secretary of the strike settlement committee, warned that not more than 50 agreements are likely to be concluded from the applications in hand, because there is no evidence that the remainder can give adequate guarantees of living up to union conditions.

**Must Aim at Jobbers.**  
Louis Hyman, chairman of the General Strike Committee, speaking to hundreds of striking shop chairmen at Webster Hall warned against precipitating settlements with manufacturers who are under the suspicion of giving a considerable portion of their work to jobbers not responsible to the union. He declared that the purpose of the strike will not be lost if jobbers, not yet brought to account, can obtain surreptitiously some of their work from independent manufacturers.

"It is not to the union's advantage to settle with any manufacturers about whom we have the slightest suspicion of doubt. We therefore must ask you to inform your workers not to press for individual settlements and so obscure the main issues of the strike. We must, and we are able, to show the jobbers that they can get no work done either in New York or out of town. Then they will have to treat with us, whether they like it or not."

**Close Out of Town Shops.**  
Despite frequent arrests out of town, the strikers' out-of-town committee, thru Jacob Halpern, chairman, is able to report that hardly does a non-union shop attempt to rear its head that it is promptly shut down. Six pickets were arrested in Morristown, N. J., and fined \$2 a piece, but not until a shop had been closed down. Three strikers were arrested in Orange, but a shop there was closed. Another shop was shut down in New Brunswick. As a result of union activities there, four men were arrested and held for the grand jury, charges of assault being branded as absurd. A shop was closed in Summit.

It is generally admitted in the garment industry that the success of the union in preventing the operation of mushroom shops outside Greater New York will be the greatest determining factor in bringing the jobbers, who control 75 per cent of the industry, to terms. Their ability to get work done at this time is almost negligible, according to Mr. Hyman.

**Contest Injunctions.**  
The general strike committee met at Manhattan Lyceum and put the finishing touches to the text of the proposed agreement with jobbers. Counsel for the union will appear in the supreme court to fight making permanent an injunction obtained by the manufacturers to prevent alleged intimidation of non-union designers. This will be in the nature of a test case, since it involved the right of picketing and of peaceful persuasion to join the union.

### Herrin Coal Mines Resume Operation

HERRIN, Ill., August 1.—For the first time since March 30 last, every operating mine in the vicinity of Herrin was working today.

A report from a railroad office here indicated the coal business has increased 25% in the past ten days and officials anticipate a similar advancement in the next ten days. The Bobby Dick Mine which has not been in operation for several months will resume activities next Monday, employing several hundred men. There are plenty of unemployed workers in Herrin to meet the demand for men.

## WEST VIRGINIA JUDGE DEALS OUT SENTENCES TO STRIKING MINERS

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Aug. 1.—The strike in Scott's Run continues despite injunctions and arrests of union officials and pickets. The infamous "Injunction Judge" I. G. Lazzelle sentenced Sanford Snyder and Ish Barnes, international representatives of the United Mine Workers of America in the Scott's Run region, to 30 days in jail and \$200 fine each.

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## MEXICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AND CALLES MAKE DECLARATIONS IN WAR WITH CATHOLIC CHURCH

(Special to The Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 1.—A committee from the Mexican Federation of Labor (C. R. O. M.) visited the official residence of President Calles today and pledged the solidarity of labor's forces to the government in its fight against the catholic church. The president answered the labor declaration with a statement that in part follows:

"The challenge of the church was made just at a time when questions were arising of an international character which were defining whether Mexico was a sovereign country or not. (The president presumably was referring to the oil-land legislation.)

### Clergy Declares War.

"At such a time the clergy threw its challenge to the government, making declarations to the reactionary press of the capital that they did not recognize the general constitution of the Mexican republic and ordering all their supporters to disobey and fight the constitution."

"The clergy stated in its declaration that the religious clauses in the constitution were a hindrance to Mexico, an abuse, and should not be obeyed. In the face of this attitude the government had to fight, according to law, and with right and justice, this high-handed attitude of the clergy. The result of this strike you already know. We are seeing it thru. It is a struggle of darkness against light."

### Labor's Pledge.

The declaration of the Mexican Federation of Labor to President Calles follows:

"We notify you that we are ready to defend the revolutionary principles with our lives.

### Clear Cut Issue.

"Only one thing does organized labor demand of you, which is that the situation be made clear in order to be able to fight the enemy face to face and in the open; that you expel from your administration the sectarian elements which have always hindered the energetic work of the revolutionary government, in order that in this supreme movement every one may group about his colors."

The statement declared that during past Mexican history, iron-handed dictatorship had drowned in blood attempts of the workmen to free themselves. It continued:

### Fight Ignorance.

"The government is attempting to end the ignorance of Mexican workmen resulting from thirty years of tyranny and ten years of revolution. It is this ignorance which the clergy is attempting to use by fixing in the minds of our comrades and our people generally the belief that religion and the clergy are one and the same thing. You have shown, as we show, profound respect for all religious creeds; but we are opposed to profanation of the spiritualism within a religion by using it as a weapon to destroy the revolutionary conquest of the people."

### Ready to Give Blood.

"Therefore the proletariat offers you its enthusiastic support, notifying you that in this historic moment you are not alone but that organized labor of Mexico is with you and does not hesitate to offer you its blood to save the revolution."

## Linemen and Truck Drivers Join Hands in Fight on Bosses

BOSTON, Aug. 1.—Electric linemen and companion truck drivers are striking against the George W. Ellis Co., Inc., for its failure to sign the old wage and working agreement with Local No. 14, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. The workers have charge of the electric light and power lines in 12 cities and towns outside of Boston as well as of the Boston Edison Company.

The Ellis firm is successor to the former contractor, Fred T. Ley Co., with which the union had had an agreement for years. The refusal of the Ellis concern to sign with the union came as a surprise. The men get 95 cents an hour for hazardous skilled work, while Boston building trades workers get \$1.25 up per hour. The 26 truck drivers, who struck with the 103 linemen, are members of the teamsters' local.

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## CHURCH IN MEXICO HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN AGENT OF WORST REACTION

While the surface indications of the present controversy in Mexico between the church and the state appear to be of a strictly religious nature, the fact is that, at bottom, it is a political struggle between two opposed economic groups. The church, for centuries itself an oppressive landholder, has always defended the interests of the exploiting land owners. Latterly, it has used its political power in the interests of intriguing foreign groups who sought a grip on Mexico's valuable natural resources.

Following the defeat of the reactionary Huerta, who was supported by the church, the constitution of 1917 was enacted which declared that the educational institutions of Mexico shall be under the control of the state and not the church and that only native Mexicans can administer the duties of the clergy.

But these regulations were not enforced until this year when the church itself precipitated the struggle by numerous attacks upon the constitution. Thus followed the decrees of the government enforcing the constitutional provisions. The church then declared the economic boycott which is in the nature of a reactionary political strike against the Mexican government.

The forces opposed to the church are the rising young Mexican industrialists who are fighting foreign imperialism and the labor movement which has countered the catholic move by declaring a political strike of its own on Sunday.

## MILL STRIKERS WANT TO UNITE WITH A. F. OF L.

PASSAIC, Aug. 1.—Passaic police arrested Albert Weisbord, organizer of the United Front Committee of Textile Workers, for carrying a pocket knife. Police claimed he was "carrying a concealed weapon." His aid, Michael Grabsinsky, was arrested in his machine "for obstructing traffic," and another strike leader, Jack Rubinstein, was again arrested "for disorderly conduct."

The strike heads had come from a mass meeting at which Weisbord told of his visit to Senator Borah and said that he would withdraw if his presence blocked negotiations. He declared that the strikers "unqualifiedly desire to associate with" the American Federation of Labor.

### Demand Recall.

The Associated Societies and Parishes of Passaic, catholic organizations, are seeking the recall of Mayor John H. McGuire and Police Commissioner Abram Preiskel as responsible for attacks on Passaic police not only on strikers but on outside visitors. The brutal beating of New York fur workers brought the situation to a head for the societies.

### Slave Stealing Charged.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Aug. 1.—Attempts of Passaic woolen mills, where workers have been on strike for six months, to recruit other workers in Massachusetts mill areas are being investigated by the state board of labor and industry.

Massachusetts agents have talked to mill workers who were falsely induced to go to the New Jersey mills. Workers were told that \$50 a week was the guaranteed pay in the mills.

### Run Away from Mills.

Workers say that they were not told of strike conditions and in many cases were told that the mill was "in Long Island." None knew until they arrived in Passaic and were forced to eat, sleep and work in the factory that they were brought to to serve as strikebreakers.

They refused to be such and were left stranded by the mill agents. In some cases the Massachusetts workers went to the United Front Committee in Passaic for aid in getting back to their homes.

## PASSAIC TEXTILE STRIKERS GET \$4,000 OF NEW YORK FURRIERS

PASSAIC, N. J., Aug. 1.—The New York Furriers' Union has turned in a check for \$4,000 as the first installment on the \$12,000 the union is raising thru a membership tax for Passaic textile relief.

Five thousand dollars have also been received from the Emergency Committee for Strikers' Relief, of which Mrs. Clarina Michelson is the secretary.

## NOCKELS AND FITZ WANT TO RUN THE JAIL

### Better Than Fighting Against Injunctions

(By Our Unflinching Reporter.)

The half a dozen members of the I. L. G. W. U., who are still in the county jail because they violated an anti-picketing injunction, have the chance of a life-time if they only knew it. They may be invited to a harassed judge to run the county jail.

Perhaps it never occurred to the girls, but they were too busy fighting to do much thinking. Somebody once said that history left the fighting to the fools.

**Never Too Late to Learn.**  
Therefore Edward Nockels and John Fitzpatrick, who began to read history recently have a lot of time to devote to thinking. Those two very much abused labor leaders were recently taken to task at a federation meeting for not doing anything to help the jailed pickets, other than asking their friend Len Small for a pardon. Stung by the taunt, John and Ed swung around in their battered swivel chairs like two gigantic weather vane.

### Time for Action.

Said John to Ed: "The reds will have us 'in red' politically unless we do something for those pickets." "I'll fight them in couples," growled Ed. "They're no good anyhow. They can't fight. If I was a young man—"

### David Stopped Goliath.

"Now can that stuff," replied John. "Do you remember the day 'Big' Fitchie walked across the room at the federation meeting wanting to know who said, 'Sit down, you big stiff'?"

And little Walt of the iron workers, who never opened his bazoar until then, piped up and said, "I said it, you big bum. What are you going to do about it?" And Fitchie sat down. Ed, that kind of stuff doesn't work as it used to in the days of old Skinny Madden. Brains is what counts today. Put on your hat and do a little thinking."

### Ed Ran into an Idea.

There was silence for a few minutes. Ed was reading his favorite daily paper, the Chicago Tribune. "I have it," he said. "They're looking for a gang to run the county jail. Suppose we demand that the I. L. G. W. U. pickets be handed the job. This will save our hides from the reds. Surely they cannot expect any more than that from us."

### He Saved the Day.

"Good bye, Ed," chuckled John. "Only for you I wouldn't know what to do. You are a genius. Sit down and write a letter to Judge Jack McGorty."

Ed got busy and this is part of what resulted:

"May we ask, judge, when appointing an advisory committee on jail conditions, etc., why the class distinction? Why highbrows and intellectuals? Why bankers? Why a director of a self-constituted so-called crime commission?"

"The Chicago Federation of Labor, representing the labor movement of this city, is an honest-to-god civic organization not organized for profit, a human and humane institution of the working people. And we have quite a few men and women prisoners in the county jail because of the illegal abuse of the injunction by some of our judges in industrial disputes."

"Therefore we suggest that these folks with the experience of the county jail, who are there because they are poor, be substituted for some of those on your advisory committee."

## Chicago Nuclei Elect Delegates for Nomination Conference

The Workers (Communist) Party nomination conference will be held Tuesday, Aug. 10, 7 p. m., at the North Side Turner Hall, 820 N. Clark St., to nominate the party ticket for the state and county ballots for the November elections. The conference will also consider the organization of the election campaign and the adoption of an election platform. Chicago nuclei should each send two delegates to this conference. The cities in the northern part of the state having party units will also send delegates. A separate conference is being held down state.

## Grand Jury Ready to Act on Church Death

FORT WORTH, Texas, Aug. 1.—Its investigation complete, the Tarrant county grand jury was ready to vote today on the question of laying a formal charge of murder against Rev. J. Frank Norris, fundamentalist leader who shot and killed D. E. Chipps, prominent lumber broker and clubman, in the pastor's study of the First Baptist Church here July 17. Should the grand jury accept Norris' sworn statement that he shot in self-defense, the pastor would be freed immediately from the \$10,000 bond under which he has been at liberty since the killing.

## Workers Will Judge the Socialist Party on Its United Front Position

By J. LOUIS ENGDAHL.

OUTSIDE a few favored spots over the nation, there isn't much organized material with which to build the United labor front against the capitalist parties for this year's congressional elections.

Thus the organizations that do exist stand more glaringly in the limelight and their activities receive closer scrutiny.

If there existed a Labor Party with masses attached to it, the presence of the socialist party, for instance, in the political arena would receive but little notice. Whether the socialist party joined in the united front or evaded it would then be only a passing, unimportant phenomena.

But since the forces building for independent political action of the workers and farmers are weak and scattered, those forces that dodge or evade the struggle necessarily subject themselves to denunciation by and ostracism from the working class movement.

In very few states does the socialist party even give an ear to the demand for the United Front of Labor for the fall elections.

The state of California is one of the few exceptions. In the Pacific coast state the socialist party has at least answered the appeal of the Workers (Communist) Party for the placing of a United Labor Ticket in the field. This indicates that there is a little ferment within the socialist ranks against the recent Pittsburgh national convention edict of the socialist party against all such United Front actions with Communists.

The disappointment, of course, comes in the very clear confession of the socialists, contained in this letter, that in California as elsewhere, the socialists have learned nothing and forgotten nothing. The socialists still stand, after seven years, at their Armageddon of those August days in 1919, when the Communist forces in America left the socialist ranks and built their own party, the American section of the Communist International.

Instead of joining with all other labor elements to fight for certain immediate interests of the workers and farmers, the socialists revive their old attacks on the Communists and demand that the Communists surrender their principles and return to an acceptance of the socialist reformism—which is not socialism—against which they rebelled years ago.

It is easily understood how the two signatories to the California socialists' letter, Cameron H. King, state chairman, and Lena Morrow Lewis, state secretary, cling to such illusions. They play the role of socialist officials in all countries, who combat labor's United Front activities. But it is difficult to understand how Upton Sinclair, selected as the socialist candidate for governor, can feel himself serving the working class thru imbibing such moonshine.

It is hoped that the California

socialists will carefully study the reply of the Executive Committee of District No. 13, of the Workers (Communist) Party, published in last Saturday's issue of THE DAILY WORKER. That letter is written to meet the situation that has arisen in California, but it applies equally well to the whole nation. It is a statement of the Communist position that rank and file workers should be able to understand, even if socialist party officials, who claim to have been in the revolutionary movement for a score and more of years, fail to grasp its meaning.

California is a plague spot of capitalism. Labor is practically outlawed under a dastardly state criminal syndicalist law. Courageous spokesmen of the workers sit in prison. Capitalist interests are busy plundering the subject working class everywhere. The capitalist robber never rests.

The Communists, in this crisis, call for a fight to repeal the state criminal syndicalist law, a fight against the use of injunctions in labor disputes, a fight against anti-picketing laws, against military training in the schools, against the plundering of the water power of the state, and a struggle for the relief of the farmers and the improvement of the working conditions of the badly exploited Mexican and Negro workers.

Cameron King, Lena Morrow Lewis and Upton Sinclair will be compelled to answer for themselves and for the socialist party if they reject the United Front demand to develop the solidarity of the workers and farmers for this very necessary struggle. Technical quibbles will not avail.

Belief in the proletarian dictatorship, the Soviet power, the Bolshevik overthrow of the capitalist state, Communist criticism of socialists and the nature of Communist activities in the trade unions, are not at issue in the placing of a United Labor Ticket in the field in California. Communists certainly intend to remain loyal to their principles. Workers who do not accept those principles will remain outside the Communist Party. Some of them may remain in the socialist party. When workers discover that Communist principles offer them the only escape from their present difficulties, then they will consider joining the Communist Party. But that is not the immediate problem.

The problem right now is the building of a United Front of labor to fight the very evident unity of the employing class in California.

There is yet time for the California socialists to accept the Communist proposal for solidarity under the standards of a United Labor Ticket on the basis clearly and definitely outlined. The socialists must make their decision in full view of the whole California working class.

## INSULL WILL BE ASKED WHY HE GAVE COIN

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ing me back talk," declared the uniformed thug.

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Washed His Hands Like Pilate.  
According to news reports when Fitzpatrick was asked for comment on the slush fund exposure he said: "You know well that the Chicago Federation of Labor is not mixed up in such procedure. The thing is so entirely remote from our organization that I care to say nothing."

So remote! It should not be forgotten that the Chicago Federation of Labor endorsed Smith.

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## Passaic, New Jersey, Strikers Are Urged to Join the A. F. of L.

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## New York Central R. R. Moves for Big Merger with Midwestern Lines

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Another big railroad consolidation was submitted to the interstate commerce commission today for approval.

The New York Central asked for authority to acquire control by lease for 99 years of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad, known as the Big Four system, the Michigan Central, and the Chicago, Kalamazoo and Saginaw Railroad.

At the same time the Big Four asked to acquire by lease for 99 years the Cincinnati Northern and the Evansville, Indianapolis and Terre Haute Railroad.

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## CHICAGO LABOR RADIO REPORT MADE TO C. F. L.

### Get Letter of Warning from K. K. K.

The Chicago Federation of Labor heard a report by Ed Nockels, secretary, on its new radio station, WCFL, recently set up at Municipal Pier. The federation broadcasts speeches and announcements from 6 to 7 p. m. every evening. From 10 to 11:30 p. m. the Municipal Pier jazz band takes the microphone.

A letter was received from persons signing themselves, R. K. K. K., presumably a sort of radio ku klux klan, warning station WCFL to sign off at 7 p. m. every Monday night so as not to interfere with the program of WEAF, New York station of the Radio Corporation of America. The letter, of course, was ignored.

**\$5,000 Pay Per Capita.**  
The radio report concluded with the news that 85,000 members of the federation had paid their per capita tax for the radio station. This amounts to 25 cents per quarter, or \$2 over a period of two years.

The grievance committee reported that an effort to get the Grand Rapids Furniture Co., of 239 Wabash avenue, to observe night closing in their store had been made with no success. The committee that visited the manager to protest about the six nights a week observed by the store for lengthening the business hours was told to get out.

**Furniture Union Fights.**  
The fight against the company is being waged by the Furniture Salesmen's Union, which has many men working in the Wabash avenue furniture district.

The union label committee announced that the Chicago Federation of Labor would take part in the national union label drive being made by the American Federation of Labor. The drive will be in progress from August 29 to September 3 and during those days union labor will agitate for the purchase of only label goods.

## CATHOLICS RIOT AS CALLES RULE SHUTS CHURCHES

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day, business does not show the sharp decline that was anticipated. Three sets of directors have now been arrested in the offices of the League for the Defense of Religious Liberty, which initiated the boycott and the league is consequently proceeding in its activity with much more caution.

For several days before the churches were abandoned by the clergy, thousands and thousands of worshippers jammed into the structures to have their children baptized or confirmed and many marriage ceremonies have been enacted. In Mexico City the crowds were so dense in the larger churches that red cross stations were established to take care of the sufferers from the congestion. Many babies and smaller children almost died in the crush and stifling air of the churches.

**Plot Thwarted.**  
A plot against the life of President Calles has been discovered and a group of nine persons, including six women, were arrested in a fashionable section of the city in connection with the affair.

**Report Revolution Brewing.**  
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 1.—Rumors are rife here of counter-revolutionary movements being started along the Mexican border. There are wild stories of General Obregon making preparations to lead an army against the Calles forces in an attempt to overthrow the present government by taking advantage of the present controversy and espousing the catholic cause to accomplish the coup. There are many refugee Mexicans here, former leaders of reactionary parties, who are anxious to have a chance of regaining their lost power. Among them is Adolph de la Huerta, who failed in a movement two years ago.

**Arms Question Up.**  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Secretary of State Kellogg is now to have received demands from arms manufacturers for months past, to lift the embargo on shipment of arms to Mexico. Fresh demands and pressure have followed the recent crisis in Mexico. It is known also that demands are pouring in from catholic sources asking the state department to address a note to the Mexican government protesting against the anti-religious laws. The precedent cited as grounds for this action is the note sent by Kellogg in protest against anti-alien oil and land laws. The state department is still considering the question of the arms embargo and no decision has yet been reached.

**Severe Earthquake in Channel.**  
ST. HELIER, Jersey, Channel Island, Aug. 1.—Severe earthquake today shook the Isle of Jersey. Buildings in St. Helier rocked to and fro for several seconds. Many chimneys tumbled down. No casualties were reported. The earthquake was the most severe ever experienced in Jersey.



## 'NO PROPAGANDA,' JUDGE'S PLEA IN RAKOSI'S TRIAL

Seek to Gag Militant  
Worker on Stand

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of the personal data of 53 defendants  
by the chief justice.

The trial proper began with a surprise, as—contrary to the order of the indictment—Comrade Oery was the first defendant to be examined.

### Organize Party.

Oery declared that he returned to Budapest from exile at the beginning of 1923 to organize a Communist Party and to propagate Communism. The Hungarian social-democracy concluded a pact with the Bethlen government, in which it had betrayed the workers' cause instead of advocating it. He pointed out that there was only one way out of today's misery: the proletarian revolution and that was why he was taking part in the organization of the Communist Party and endeavoring to overthrow the present system thru the might of the masses.

Oery declared that he did not feel guilty: The memory of the dictatorship of the proletariat stands before the Hungarian class unblemished. He declared he only owed responsibility to the proletariat. No jail sentence he insisted would prevent him from continuing this work of the Communist Party.

### Rakosi Takes Stand.

The second defendant to take the witness stand was Comrade Rakosi. The chief justice was interested in learning how he became a Communist. Rakosi stated that he became a socialist while at school and adopted the Marxist teachings. He was convinced that the social-democracy would fight against war and would utilize the war to emancipate the working class and to overthrow capitalism. He found out later that the social-democracy "fought" the war with empty phrases and betrayed the interests of the workers. Rakosi discussed the various socialist parties and showed that they have become allies of the bourgeoisie. The chief justice interrupted Rakosi in the midst of his statement by adjourning the session.

### Second Session.

Today's session began with a warning by the president of the court to Comrade Rakosi that he confine himself exclusively to his defense and avoid making propaganda for the Communist Party in the court room. Comrade Rakosi at once protested against this warning.

"I have absolutely nothing to defend. A political trial is being conducted here, and I consider it my inalienable right to express my opinions and my viewpoint."

Comrade Rakosi devoted the first part of his testimony to the proletarian dictatorship in Hungary. He showed how the victorious counter-revolution is doing all it can to besmirch the memory of that dictatorship and of its Communist leaders.

Under the dictatorship of the proletariat for the first time since 1848 was a real national foreign policy carried out in Hungary. The standard-bearer of this foreign policy was the Red Army of Soviet Hungary which victoriously fought its struggle against the rapacious Czech and

## LITHUANIAN PRESIDENT HAS TO WORRY ABOUT NEW POLISH INVASION



Dr. Kazys Grinius, until recently Lithuania's representative in the league of nations, has been elected President of Lithuania. The intrigues of the Baltic states, all traceable to the Western Powers because their enemy of Russia, will make his job extremely unpleasant.

Roumanian imperialists. The ruling classes today he pointed out have sold the independence of Hungary to the foreign capitalists thru the "reconstruction plan."

The Hungarian national problem Rakosi declared can only be solved for the workers thru the Leninist policy of the Third International with the aid of the common struggle of the international revolutionary proletariat.

### Russia Goes Forward.

"When we look into the course of events since the end of the war, we see that the Soviet Union is the only country where economic development is going forward, contrary to the capitalist countries which are shaken by a chronic economic crisis—from which there is no way out." Rakosi declared in answer to attacks on the Soviet Union: "The socialist development of production in Soviet Russia is alone a guarantee that the standard of living of the workers can continue to improve, contrary to the capitalist countries where the standard of living of the workers is sinking lower from day to day."

The president called Comrade Rakosi to order and instructed him to speak in his own defense and not to make a speech of arraignment.

Comrade Rakosi again declared that he does not need to defend himself. Thru his activities he wanted to contribute to the creation of a Communist Party in Hungary which should be equal to the task facing it. The counter-revolution crushed under foot the revolutionary vanguard of the Hungarian proletariat. The social democrats betrayed the Hungarian proletariat. The proletariat is longing for the revolutionary Communist Party.

### Organizing No Crime.

"I returned home in order to assist in the development of the Communist Party. I feel responsibility for this work, but I am only responsible to the Hungarian proletariat, to the Communist Party and to the Third International, which are my only competent judges."

## A FREE PORTO RICO DEMANDED BY NATIONALS

Mass Meeting Attacks  
U. S. Imperialist Control

By J. NEVARES SAGER,  
Porto Rican Section, All-America  
Anti-Imperialist League.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, July 21—(By Mail)—Indicative of the increasing fervor for national independence among the people of Porto Rico is the attendance and enthusiasm at public meetings of the Nationalist Party, which is on terms of intimate association with the All-America Anti-Imperialist League (Porto Rican Section). Equally significant is the growth of the league section itself. A sub-section has now been organized in San Juan, with representatives of the student's federation, newspapermen and workers' organizations. Sub-sections now exist in San Juan, Ponce and Mayaguez.

### Big Mass Meeting.

At a big mass meeting in the public plaza of San Juan yesterday, under the auspices of the Nationalist Party of Porto Rico, the representative of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League appeared on the same platform with Federico Acosta Velarde and Albizu Campos, president and vice-president respectively of the Nationalist Party.

### Speak For Our Own People.

Senores Acosta Velarde and Albizu Campos made brilliant speeches. The former glorified the memory of the great Porto Rican patriot, Jose de Diego. Albizu Campos reiterated the demand of the Nationalist Party for a constituent congress of the Porto Rican people to legislate for the island in spite of the representatives of United States imperial "authority" established there.

The newly-organized San Juan sub-section of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League has as its secretary, Emilio R. Delgado, and includes among its members E. R. Chevermont, the foremost living poet of Porto Rico.

## Flint Automobiles to Be Made in Their Elizabeth, N. J., Plant

ELIZABETH, N. J., Aug. 1.—After Sept. 1 the Flint car will be manufactured in the Elizabeth plant of the Durant Motor company of New Jersey. The present Flint plant in Flint, Mich., has been bought by the General Motors corporation.

## List of Dead Grows in Japanese Floods

TOKIO, Aug. 1.—The list of dead in the floods that have inundated country adjacent to Niigata was mounting today. Reliable estimates now place the deaths from drowning at 200, and 200 others are missing.

Niigata City, the largest in the prefecture, is menaced by flood waters today. Seven tributaries of the Shinano River, swollen by the heavy rains, threaten to sweep thru the city. Continued rains are augmenting the floods and hampering relief measures.

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## LOWELL SILK MILL WORKERS ARE STILL OUT

Wage Fight Against  
Vicious Speed-Up

LOWELL, Mass., August 1.—The Lowell silk mill workers are exhibiting a wonderful spirit of solidarity in their strike against increased number of looms and a wage cut which has practically shut down the mill. The strike developed as a result of an attempt by the Newmarket Company, which owns the mill, to increase the number of looms operated by the ponce workers from four to six and at the same time to cut wages from 2 to 6 cents a 1,000 picks of cloth to 1 and 51 mills. Twenty ponce weavers walked out. They were followed by 150 weavers of other departments, all the loomfixers and some winders and twisters.

The strikers elected a strike and picket committee. The following demands were placed before the bosses: Return of the ponce weavers to the four-loom base and three for the satin and casket lining, the wide looms to be subject for future arbitration. Twenty per cent increase in wages. Time and a half for overtime.

Sanitary conditions, a ventilation system, and rest room for the girls and women.

Full rate of pay for time lost on the job thru no fault of the workers. Recognition of the mill council or union.

No discrimination against any striker.

Under a so-called headquarters plan, the number of looms of the silk weavers were increased from four to six, making an increase in production of 50 per cent, while wages were cut 33 per cent.

Conditions in the mill are extremely unsanitary. The work rooms are hot and stuffy. There is no ventilation of any kind. The temperature in the mill is constantly 90 degrees, while the windows are kept shut. Girls and women work in this unbearable heat. Our clothes stick to our backs. We are always wet thru and thru with sweat. There is no rest room for the girls and women.

The company raises the cry of poverty. The mill has been running steadily for years and the company made \$800,000 last year.

## Why Many Workers Remember R. T. Lincoln

MANCHESTER, Vt., Aug. 1.—Robert Todd Lincoln, son of Abraham Lincoln, who died at his home in Manchester, Vt., is chiefly remembered by workers, particularly Pullman Company workers, for his failure to give them consideration when he was president of the company and later chairman of its board of directors. Lincoln supported the company policy of fighting trade unions.

He has been attacked by Negro workers for allowing Pullman porters and maids to be kept in virtual industrial bondage, altho his father, as president of the United States, was supposed to have freed them from slavery. Lincoln's anti-labor policy was equally true in other corporations in which he was a director.

## Passaic Bosses Charged with Slave Stealing

ROCKAWAY, N. Y., August 1.—A tag day will be held here Sunday, August 1, to collect money for the relief of Passaic strikers' children. The committee in charge requests all workers in sympathy with the strike living in Rockaway or nearby, to report at 180 Beach Ave. at 7th St., Sunday morning, to assist in making collections.

## Milk Wagon Drivers Cut Into Open Shop

BOSTON, Aug. 1.—Striking Boston milk wagon drivers of the Alden Bros. Co. report that about 60 per cent of the company's retail trade has been diverted to union firms. Strikers have made a house-to-house canvass of regular customers, explaining the reason for their strike.

## Durant Adds Another Million to Fortune

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—William C. Durant added another \$1,500,000 to his fortune when General Motors corporation shares soared to the record price of \$191.

The DAILY WORKER needs your five dollars—you need The DAILY WORKER. Send five for a year's sub before August 15!

THE Workers' Education Bureau has a department in this journal which, compared to the rest of the contents, is revolutionary even tho in the July number the material in this department consists of a speech by William Green on child labor in which he says "we have a representative form of government. . . . Under our republican form of government, under our modern civilization, they are pledged by their oaths to give protection to each and all, the weak with the strong, the poor with the rich, etc." and an article by Irving Fisher, Yale University, on "What Money Is Not."

THERE is also a page-long article entitled "Sidelights on the World's Largest Bible Class," an unrestrained eulogy of the businessmen's bible class of Kansas City.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has a column or so devoted to gossip of bridge parties and picnics.

One editorial recommends acceptance of the necessity of centralization of federal government, another boosts "labor" life insurance.

TWENTY-THREE pages are devoted to correspondence from the various divisions of the union. A few examples will give an indication of the general tone—personal items and gossip similar to that in the society column of a small town sheet:

"The conductors on the Rock Island to Colorado Springs take this means of thanking the Cables Hotel for their very courteous treatment."

"Brother J. J. Elliot has discarded his old boat for a runabout roadster, and is now cutting the figure eight on all corners."

"Mrs. Joseph V. Martin, senior partner of Martin and Martin, men's clothing store at 1716 Market street, died April 14. He was a wonderful friend to railroad men for many years."

"Night Agent Blakely says Class Number 76 is still hitting on all six at the Men's Bible Class at Ivanhoe Temple. All out-of-town conductors that are laying over in Kansas City are cordially invited."

"The Safety First meeting last month was well attended. Mr. Robinson presided and it was enjoyed by all."

THE reason for the complete lack of anything of a workingclass flavor in this journal is probably explained by an item under the general head of "Grievances" in which one of the members claims that instead of receiving \$325.52 for his month's pay, he should have received \$387.62. The grievance was settled by the conductor receiving \$48.86 additional.

The publication in full of the "new railway labor act"—the Watson-Parker bill—in the July number together with the tone of the journal is an indication that the theory of "worker-employer co-operation" meets with little if any opposition in this union.

—W. F. D.

## PUBLIC OPINION—What Is It Worth?

JAMES MALLENDER, Machinist.

CLEVELAND.—There seems to be a growing tendency during strikes, especially when the fight is favoring the workers, for public opinion to step in and demand that the strike be called off.

In the city of Cleveland it was this so-called public opinion that stopped the building laborers' strike. A strike that was fought for 13 weeks and was practically won, but, on the eve of victory, public opinion demanded that the strike be called off. So the men went back to work on the old conditions, agreeing to arbitration at some future date, which as any worker knows, means only one thing—the strike was lost.

## Workers in Mid-West Aid Passaic Strikers

The cause of the Passaic textile strikers is appealing strongly to trade unionists thruout the middle west, it appears from a schedule of relief conferences under trade union auspices to be held in August.

The Chicago conference to be held in Machinists' hall August 12 has rallied the metal trades council and the United Hebrew Trades and over 20 local unions. More than 80,000 trade unionists and members of labor fraternal organizations will be represented. It was learned from the Passaic relief headquarters at 328 West Van Buren street.

In other cities in this region similar activity is manifest. Detroit's conference will be held August 9. There a recent benefit dance under Detroit Federation of Labor auspices netted a good sum for Passaic relief and a number of building trade unions have made direct donations.

In St. Louis the conference is scheduled for August 19, sponsored by officials of the cap makers' union. The Waukegan date is August 17. Kenosha will have a mass meeting the middle of August. Milwaukee's campaign is already under way. Bread and milk drives are being staged in Hammond, Gary, Rockford and Racine. South Bend had sent \$1,400 to Passaic before its July 13 conference and has been active since. Members of the plasterers', bricklayers' and molders' unions are on the relief committee there.

## Akron Building Trades Aid Passaic Strikers

AKRON, O., Aug. 1.—The general relief committee of textile strikers, addressed the Ohio Building Trades on invitation of the chairman.

Mother Bloor graphically depicted conditions in the strike area, and told of the need of strike relief and the work being carried on. She was given a tremendous ovation. A collection of \$70 was taken up for relief.

## Milk Wagon Strikers to Get \$30 Benefits

BOSTON, Aug. 1.—Striking milk wagon drivers of the Alden Bros. dairies will receive strike benefits of about \$30 a week from assessments made on working members of Local No. 350, milk wagon drivers, and regular strike benefits. The international union has sanctioned the strike.

"Say it with your pen in the worker correspondent page of The DAILY WORKER."

## BOTANY MILLS UNABLE TO PAY OUT DIVIDENDS

PASSAIC, N. J., Aug. 1.—The Botany Mills, one of the mills affected by the textile strike, has decided to pass the regular quarterly dividend on its Class A stock. Continuance of the strike is given by financial columns of the press as the reason for failure to pay this dividend.

## Workers' Drama League Will Hold Social Night Friday

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—The Workers' Drama League is having a social evening Friday night, August 6, at the league studio, 64 South Washington Square.

There will be a splendid program, including Vera Milenovic, eurythmic dancer, Louise Moore, well-known singer of blue songs, and others. Dancing with jazz band accompaniment will follow. There will be no regular admission charge.

## Child Labor Laws "Scrap of Paper" in "Golden State"

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 1.—Two boys, 13 and 14 years of age respectively, were seriously injured when the truck which they were driving left the road and fell into the Arroyo Seco Canyon, near Pasadena, pinning the boys beneath. The boys afterwards explained that they had been driving all night and were very sleepy when the accident occurred.

There is a child labor law in California prohibiting children under 18 from working. Nothing is done to put it into effect.

### English Novelist Critically Ill.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—Serious anxiety for the condition of Israel Zangwill, eminent British novelist, now suffering from a nervous breakdown was expressed here today.

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## Anti-Labor States Attorney Among Witnesses In Illinois Senatorial Primary Slush Fund Quiz



The open-shoppers' tool, States Attorney Robert E. Crowe, was part of the gang who helped to spend Samuel Insull's money to elect Frank L. Smith, Insull's pet on the State Utilities Commission to the senate. Above is seen a general view of the hearing in the Federal building. At the left are Charles V. Barrett and Robert E. Crowe, powerful republican leaders whose war chest held at least \$175,000 of campaign funds, used in support of Frank L. Smith, the successful senatorial candidate. At the right is Henry I. Green, treasurer of the McKinley campaign, whose testimony indicates that Senator McKinley spent \$352,616 of his own money in his unsuccessful battle.



## LOS ANGELES TAILORS HELP STRIKING DYERS

### Cleaning Plant Bosses Admit Their Defeat

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 1.—The Tailor Shop Owners' Association went overwhelmingly on record in favor of the striking cleaners, dyers, pressers and drivers in their fight against the wholesale plant owners' association.

Albert Bock and William Schneiderman appeared before the mass meeting to represent the Cleaners' and Dyers' Union. After presenting the case of what the strikers are fighting for, they appealed to the tailors not to send their work to any plants that might try to operate with scabs. The bosses' representatives, when they took the floor, became confused at the hostile greeting they received, stumbled about and admitted they were losing the strike.

Several plants have signified their intention of meeting the strikers' committee to sign an agreement with the union.

### I. W. A. Has Mass Meeting in New York for British Miners

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—International Workers' Aid has arranged a mass meeting for Tuesday evening, August 10, to be held at the Central Opera House, 67th St. and Third Ave. The purpose of the meeting is to give the workers of New York City an opportunity to express their support and solidarity with the 1,250,000 British coal miners who have been on strike since May 1.

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WATCH THIS SECTION TOMORROW!

## THE AMERICAN LEFT WING SHOULD GET INTO STEP WITH THE LEFT WING OF THE BRITISH WORKERS

Note.—This is the third in a series of articles written to stimulate the development of THE DAILY WORKER into an effective mass organ of the left wing of American labor. It shows how the mass of the British left wing is struggling in the same direction, toward the same goal, in spite of the treacherous acts of some left leaders.

By J. LOUIS ENGDAHL

AMERICAN Communists hail the achievements of our British comrades and join in wishing them well in the big tasks confronting them. These tasks are not much different from those that face the American party. In fact they run parallel in many respects.

THUS the last meeting of the central committee of the British Communist Party considered the fact that 3,000 new members had been brought into the party since the general strike that started on May 1, and that the party is now printing 70,000 copies of its official publication, "The Weekly Worker." It therefore decided:

First. To push forward, sparing no effort in the drive to recruit new members for the party.

Second. To increase the struggle for a 100,000 circulation for the party's weekly, thus paving the way for the "Worker's Daily" in England.

Similarly, two great tasks of the American party at the present time are the following:

First. To establish our DAILY WORKER as a powerful expression of the left wing of the American labor movement, capable of effectively joining in the leadership of the workers in all their great struggles as well as in combating their everyday and im-

mediate needs.

Second. To distribute half a million copies of the pamphlet, "The Workers (Communist) Party—What It Stands For, Why Every Worker Should Join."

These are the immediate tasks in the ceaseless campaign to build our party into a mass Communist Party, and to secure a mass influence for the party's official organ.

The resolution on THE DAILY WORKER adopted by the last party plenum truly stated that:

"After two and one-half years the party still stands before the task of building its official organ, THE DAILY WORKER, into a mass organ of the party."

"This task is inextricably bound up with the struggle to develop the party into a mass Communist Party and the building of a broad left wing in the American labor movement."

"It is impossible for THE DAILY WORKER to develop on a broad scale unless the party influence among the masses is also widened, and conversely the party would be seriously handicapped without the development of a mass organ, a daily newspaper in the language of the country."

It is only thru the full realization of these facts, which are very simple in themselves, that every reader of THE DAILY WORKER will give unreservedly of his time and energy toward the accomplishment of these tasks.

It is not difficult to analyze the reasons why there is a great influx into the British party at the present time, and why the demand grows for the "Worker's Daily."

The officialdom of British labor did not relish the general strike into which the labor masses forced them. As a result they betrayed the struggle at the first opportunity, using their leadership to defeat the interests of the workers. This was not only true of the right wing leaders; it also applied to some who had been called left wing officials. The general strike therefore acted as a great teacher. It showed to large masses of workers that everything the Communists had said about the General Council of the British Trade Union Congress was true. As a result there was a further movement to the left of British labor resulting in new members for the party, new readers for the party's official organ.

American labor has not yet advanced to the general strike stage. Its left wing is still very small. But it is growing.

The ultra-reaction of the labor of officialdom in the railroad, mining, steel and other industries will result in the workers developing their left wing to make the fight for them. This development is slow in the great basic industries. But the ferment is there.

Already in some sections of the needle trades the workers have turned their backs on the former pro-war left wing leadership of the socialists that deserted the struggle against the bosses as it made war on militancy in the unions. Thus the struggles of the furriers' union and the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, under the new left wing leadership in New York City has resulted in the strengthening of our Communist press, and of an increasing influx of workers from this industry into the party. It was significant that the furriers took an active part in the July Fourth DAILY WORKER encampment and that they pledged themselves to secure 5,000 points in the recent DAILY WORKER subscription campaign.

Every labor struggle, no matter how small, can yield its proportionate share in building the left wing within the American labor movement. But it devolves upon the active left wingers to transmute these developments into sterling militancy. "Tired" militants will never secure the desired results.

This situation, of course, calls for greater activities of the readers of THE DAILY WORKER in the labor unions, more energetic efforts among the workers on the job. Militants must become better propagandists, better educators, better organizers of the workers than they have ever been. The backwardness of the American labor movement can be successfully fought only by the militants taking advantage of every new development that offers itself as an opportunity for another drive ahead.

Let the militants of America join the militants of Great Britain in the drive for more strength for the left wing thru getting more readers for the left wing press.

Every new subscriber for THE DAILY WORKER helps build it a little more as a mass expression of aspiring American labor.

### Manufacturers Fight Income Tax Proposal

The Illinois Manufacturers' Association in an appeal sent out to its membership urges them to do all they can to "enlist public support" against the proposed amendment to the state constitution that would give the legislative power to levy taxes on corporations and their property. The amendment is to be voted on in the fall elections.

The American Worker Correspondent is out. Did you get your copy?

### McDonald Seeks to Extend Jury Quiz Another Month

Special Assistant State's Attorney Charles A. McDonald, vice-president of the Foreman Trust and Savings Bank, has made another request that on the expiration of the month allotted the present special grand jury a new one be appointed. Forty indictments were made by the grand jury yesterday in the vote fraud quiz, making a total of 150 indictments on charges of wholesale vote theft.

So far the grand jury has confined itself to the 20th, 21st and 27th wards. An investigation of the finances of the Chicago sanitary district board was recommended by the grand jury.

The inquiry into expenditures of the sanitary district board was declared advisable "in view of the apparent relationship of the board with the Cook county primary election in April, and politics in general."

### Andrews Gets British Accord.

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 1.—General Andrews, American prohibition director, and officials of the British government have completed a new agreement for the administration of the Anglo-American treaty for the checking of rum-running into the United States, it was announced today.

SEND IN A SUB!

## WITH THE YOUNG WORKERS

### Pioneer Work and Pioneer Leaders

By A. SUNGAIL

After two years of struggle, Communist work among children has come into its own. It is now on a plane with the most important phases of league work. We no longer smile indulgently at the "antics" of the children and consider this activity "sentimental girls' work" meaning by that it was not a Communist's work and too insignificant to warrant the attention of the Party and of the more experienced comrades.

More and more the importance of educating and organizing the workers' child is being forced on us. With the increased cost of living and decreasing wages more and more children are going into the factories, mines and mills. Everywhere children are supplanting adult labor.

In the schools capitalism is shoving its distorted education and anti-red propaganda down the throats of the child, in a more and more concentrated and vicious form. Religion is being stressed and reintroduced in the schools where workers' children attend. The anti-red and anti-labor organization propaganda has become a part of the curriculum of the school-room.

Clubs are being organized for the working children and the workers' children. Social clubs, athletic clubs, dramatic clubs, following the policies of the Y. M. C. A. are springing up in larger numbers. Every conceivable kind of organizational measure is being taken to bring together the children in order that capitalism may exert its influence over them even after they have left school.

In Passaic capitalism showed its shrewd realization of how to avert future trouble and lessen the effects of its present one by presenting the Boy Scouts organization in New Jersey with several thousand dollars "to carry on its good work." Mass picketing by children in this strike probably was the cause of such action on the part of the bosses.

### Capitalism Employs Experts To Train Child.

Capitalism employs shrewd, expert men and women to train and mislead the workers' child. It's scout leaders, social workers and teachers are picked for their ability to make loyal patriotic slaves of the children and a close watch is kept on them.

Capitalism is spending millions of dollars annually on the organization of working children to prolong the existence of the capitalist system.

Until the league began its organization of junior groups, organized labor had failed to recognize the importance of forming children's organizations to counteract the influence of the capitalist training. Its Sunday School attempts toward this end were weak and ineffective. They failed to rally the broad masses of workers' children and working children.

The Pioneer Group put a powerful weapon into the hands of the labor movement. The form of organization appealed to children and made possible an effective centralization of efforts to reach and educate the masses of children in the class struggle.

It took a little time for us to realize the real importance of this work and the care required to carry it on. For some time many of us were under the impression that to be a Pioneer leader required only a love for the work and that theoretical understanding, study of child psychology, knowledge of historic events and a true Communist ideology were qualifications to be desired but really not so essential.

The attitude of the party members was tolerant and patronizing; sometimes, even hostile to our methods.

## SAY THEY HAVE 'THE GOODS' ON VANISHING AIMEE

### "Innocent Woman" Raps the Investigators

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Aug. 1.—"We have the goods," say Deputy District Attorney Ryan and City Captain of Detectives Herman Cline, after returning from an investigation of many days at Carmel-by-the-Sea, where it is charged Aimee Semple McPherson, the evangelist who said she was kidnapped and held for ransom, and her radio operator, Kenneth Ormiston, spent ten days during the time she was supposed to have been in the hands of the "kidnappers."

The two officers brought several written statements identifying a so-called Mrs. McIntire as Mrs. McPherson, and "Mr. McIntire" as Kenneth Ormiston. In addition it is claimed that the famous "green bathing suit" which Aimee had on when "kidnapped" was found at the deserted cottage at Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Refuses Fingerprints.  
District Attorney Asa Keyes says his office is going to issue a public statement saying just what it has discovered.

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## We Are in Danger!

This is a frank and open statement to our readers, friends and sympathizers. We are in the danger that faces every working class newspaper in July and August.

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### Nine Are Killed in Alabama Mine Blast

BLOCTON, Ala., Aug. 1.—Six Negro and three white workers were killed in an explosion in the Dixie mine of the Moffat Coal Company. The men were working overtime at the time of the explosion.



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## CURTIS CANDY CO. EXPLOITS CHILD LABOR

### Slave-Driving Foremen Rule Plant

By M. PERLIN.  
(Worker Correspondent)

Charlie is sixteen. He goes to high school. He has five brothers and sisters younger than himself. His father is a tailor. It is very hard for him to make a living for a family of eight.

As soon as vacation time came around and school was let out Charlie started to look for a job. It took him about a week until he found a job at the Curtis Candy Ruth Candy Company.

He had to work nine and a quarter hours on week days and four and a quarter on Saturdays. If a worker refuses to work overtime he is fired. If he says something the foreman does not like he is in danger of losing his job.

After working for the company a few weeks one Friday Charlie had a headache. He was not strong enough to stand the abuse of the foreman. When the foreman came up to Charlie and began to abuse him, telling him that he works too slow, doesn't do his work right, Charlie could no longer remain silent. He told the foreman that he bothers him without cause and that his work had been done right.

Shortly after Charlie was called into the office. He was handed a check and told that he was no longer needed. As Charlie went out of the office he asked the foreman why he was fired.

The foreman showed Charlie a sign on the wall. On this sign were the rules of the factory. He pointed out the line that said "Every Worker Must Obey the Foreman."

"Alright," says Charlie, "put me back to work and I'll do as you tell me to."

"Oh, no," replied the foreman, with scorn. "If you can speak to fresh to a foreman, you'll never be any good."

Charlie left the office with tears in his eyes and with a deep, deep hatred for foremen and bosses.

## Look Over These PRIZES



for Worker Correspondence

Offered to workers sending in stories and news this week—winners to be announced in the issue of Friday, August 6.

1—"Left Wing Unionism," by David J. Saposs. A new study of radical tactics and policies in the American trade unions. A storehouse of invaluable information in a splendid cloth-bound edition.

2—"A Moscow Diary," by Anna Porter. A record of vivid impressions gathered by the author on a recent visit to Soviet Russia. A cloth-bound edition.

3—"Class Collaboration—How to Fight It," by Bertram D. Wolfe. A new booklet in the Little Red Library, just off the press—

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## Life of Milwaukee Candy Workers Is Not Very Sweet

By a Worker Correspondent.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 1.—The life of the candy workers of Milwaukee is not as sweet as it may seem. In the Albro's Chocolate Co. on 5th street, they work nine hours a day and receive only 38 cents an hour. Young boys 15 years of age are doing heavy work lifting sacks of sugar and other goods weighing between 100 and 275 pounds. Most of the workers are Italian and they are unorganized. There are many girls and women employed in this factory. There are many school girls working four days a week and receiving \$7.75 for their four days. They are loading heavy boxes of chocolate. This work should be done by men and not by school girls.

At the Elfin's Chocolate Co. on Washington Rd., the men earn between 40 to 47½ cents an hour. By working hard nine hours a day they earn between \$20 to \$25 a week. There are many girls and women working here. They earn between 30 to 35 cents an hour. At the end of the week they have between \$14 to \$16.40. This is not enough to live on. The cost of living is high and the workers in these sweet shops are constantly worrying how to make ends meet.

## Northern New Jersey May Witness Traction Strike Next October

By a Worker Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—The Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees may call a strike against the Public Service Transportation and Railways companies which control transportation in Northern New Jersey, it is reported.

The union has demanded that when the present agreement expires on Oct. 1, the companies grant a 25 per cent wage increase. The companies counter this with a proposal that they cut wages 10 per cent, claiming that the railways and buses operated by the companies "have not been earning operating expenses for more than two years."

## SEN. BORAH HAS TALK WITH HEAD OF BOTANY MILL

### Johnson Refuses to Meet with Strike Leaders

By LAURENCE TODD, Federated Press.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—(FP)—Col. Chas. F. H. Johnson, vice-president and manager of the Botany Worsteds Mills in Passaic where was enforced the wage cut that led to the present textile strike, had a conference July 27 with Sen. Borah.

Johnson's own statement to newspaper correspondents was defiant. He said that the mill owners would never deal with Albert Weisbord and the United Front Committee, which organized the strike and has led it for more than six months. Ignoring the fact that there is no other organization among the strikers, Johnson insisted that the United Front Committee was made up of Communists, and that as a good American he could not meet any such group to discuss a settlement.

What Borah replied to Johnson's arguments in their private conference was not revealed. But Borah made it plain afterward that hope of a settlement turned upon the possibility of creating a committee with which the bosses would deal. He said he had talked with Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor, and was impressed with the importance of a conference to be held in Passaic between the United Front Committee and a group of officials of A. F. of L. organizations.

It appears that Johnson did not promise Borah that he would meet a committee of the strikers if they should decide to elect a new one. Johnson did not say that, if the A. F. of L. took charge, he would enter into negotiations for a settlement. He merely refused to meet the existing committee, claiming that they were Communists.

### Borah Hopeful.

Nevertheless Borah takes a hopeful tone, believing that progress has been made toward a discussion of terms. Weisbord's action, in volunteering to withdraw whenever any substitute leadership of the strike shall be provided, has impressed him. His talk with Secretary Morrison also led him to believe that the A. F. of L. might decide to co-operate. He knows that any formal action must be taken by the United Textile Workers of America, but he also knows that the U. T. W. A. will not long resist the executive council of the A. F. of L. if the council determines that these Passaic strikers must be taken into the regular movement.

### Borah's Argument.

An incidental, if silent, argument against any refusal by Col. Johnson to deal with a non-radical committee of the strikers is found in the fact that Borah is chairman of a senate committee which is to investigate the Alien Property Custodian's handling of seized alien property. The Botany Worsteds Mills went thru the hands of the Alien Property Custodian, and Johnson holds his present job because of the favor of the custodian at the time of the war. He may become an important witness when Borah's committee gets under way, in November.

## I. R. T. STRIKE ENDED; STRIKERS BLAME LACK OF A. F. OF L. SUPPORT

NEW YORK, August 1. — New York's subway strike was called off early today. Edward P. Lavin, strike leader, made official announcement to this effect following a conference with George Keegan, assistant to Frank Hedley, president and general manager of the Interborough Rapid Transit company.

A statement issued by the "general strike committee" blamed the strike's failure upon lack of support from organized labor. The strikers will return to their old jobs this morning at no reduction of salary.

## BRITISH RAISE DEMAND FOR A COAL EMBARGO

### Miners' Delegates to Fight for New Plan

(Special to The Daily Worker)

LONDON, Aug. 1. — The national delegates' conference of the Miners' Federation today voted to submit the plan proposed by the ecclesiastics for ending the coal strike to their district councils with recommendation to accept it as a basis of negotiation. The plan proposes a return on the same wage and hour schedule as before, with a short term subsidy pending reorganization of the industry. The mine owners oppose this and the Baldwin government has refused to consider it or even answer the churchmen's letter.

### Coal Embargo Demanded.

LONDON, July 30. — The agitation for an embargo on coal shipments is spreading rapidly thruout the country and many local unions and city central trade union bodies are demanding that the general council of the Trade Union Congress act to get international labor to stop all coal shipments to Britain. The London Trades Council has taken action to drive the general council into action to get international support and all local unions of London are instructed to lay a complete embargo on coal.

### Embargo Movement Spreads.

At a joint demonstration of miners, railwaymen and dockers at Leith, Scotland, the thousands attending passed a resolution calling for rank and file action to compel the general council to place an embargo on coal. At Liverpool, resentment among the dockers, transport workers and other trades workers is so high that the Liverpool Trades Council instructed its executive to urge all local unions of the port to place an embargo on coal. If many more scab coal ships come in, it is expected that the embargo will be applied strongly.

### Dockers Angry At Officials.

At Bristol, the dockers are seething with discontent over being instructed by their union officials to unload scab coal. Unofficial strike action may result. Efforts are being made by the bosses to crush the union local, as it is hated by them for its militancy.

## AMERICAN WORKERS MUST BEAR COST OF DEBT "SETTLEMENTS"

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—(FP)—With his speech opposing the Italian debt settlement, Senator Shipstead of Minnesota, farmer-labor, is sending out the tabulation made by Sen. Howell of Nebraska, progressive republican, showing the cost to each state in the union, according to its share of the total American population in the 1920 census, of the debt cancellations negotiated with European countries.

The debtors who received these allowances were Belgium, Italy, Estonia, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Latvia. The sum involved in these settlements is \$2,826,685,000, and payments amount to 1½% interest for 62 years, after which the debts are cancelled.

Assuming that money will cost the American government 4½% for the first eight years and 3% thereafter, and that the national debt will be paid off in 62 years, Howell's figures show these deficits, by states:

California \$375,000,000; Colorado \$102,000,000; Connecticut \$151,000,000; Illinois \$709,000,000; Indiana \$320,000,000; Iowa \$263,000,000; Maryland \$401,000,000; Minnesota \$158,000,000; Massachusetts \$421,000,000; Montana \$60,000,000; New Jersey \$345,000,000; New York \$1,136,000,000; North Dakota \$70,000,000; Ohio \$630,000,000; Oklahoma \$221,000,000; Pennsylvania \$945,000,000; Washington \$148,000,000 and Wisconsin \$288,000,000.

These figures cover the losses for these particular states only, from the Mellon-Hoover-Smoot debt commission's agreements with certain countries in the past year. They do not touch the British or French, the Polish or Finnish or Lithuanian settlements.

### Escape With Mail Pouch.

SALISBURY, Mass., Aug. 1.—Two armed bandits today held up baggage master Jordan in the baggage car of a Boston and Maine railroad passenger train, grabbed a mail pouch containing a \$15,000 payroll, destined to an Amesbury Manufacturing company, jumped from the train at a cross-road and escaped.

## Co-operative Section

This department will appear in every Monday's issue of the The DAILY WORKER.

## NEWS AND COMMENT

## LABOR AND THE CO-OPS CHOSEN TOPIC AT MEET

### Fifth Congress of Co-op League Meets Nov. 4

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—What is the ideal relation which should exist between the labor and the co-operative movements? This is one of the topics on the agenda of the fifth congress of the Co-operative League to be held in Minneapolis Nov. 4-6, inclusive.

Should the co-operatives organize an insurance society? Is another topic listed for discussion. Others are: Should the co-operatives organize a co-operative bank? What is the ideal relation which should exist between the farmers' organizations and the consumers' co-operative movements?

### Many Invitations.

Invitations to send fraternal delegates are being sent to hundreds of farmer and labor organizations thruout the country. Minneapolis is the home of the largest and most prosperous workers' co-operative on the continent, the Co-operative League declares.

The Franklin Cooperative Creamery Association is distributing milk, cream, butter, cheese and ice cream worth over three and a half million dollars this year. Every worker connected with the concern, from general manager down, is a member of a trade union.

## Lack of Water Causes Causes Negro to Lose His Home Thru Fire

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 1.—Edward Woods, Negro, lost his home here recently in a fire which could easily have been put out by the firemen if a proper water service had been maintained in the district.

The water supply was so inadequate that the firemen made no attempt to save the home of Edward Woods. They did all they could to keep the fire from spreading to nearby homes.

### Gulf Storm Moves North.

MOBILE, Ala., Aug. 1.—The way its northward, the tropical hurricane which has been rampant along the lower Atlantic coast since Monday night today had passed the Florida coast, leaving in its wake property damage which may mount over the million mark in this state.

## THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT

### Chapter I. Introduction and Definitions.

TWO main ideas are embraced in co-operation: (a) co-operation in consumption (the distributive side); (b) co-operation in production.

### Consumers' Societies.

In Great Britain the most familiar example of co-operative effort is that of the "store," the proprietors of which are the customers. The aim here is to supplant the middleman, whose profits, if the business is conducted on ordinary commercial lines, are saved. These localized societies (with few exceptions), are known as "distributive retail societies; on the continent as consumers' societies. Such societies in most countries, federate together in co-operative wholesale societies. This kind of co-operation for a common purpose has met with comparatively great success.

### Productive Societies.

In (b) the purpose is for the workers to supplant the employer by means of their own or borrowed capital. The profits of the enterprise, otherwise appropriated by the employer, go to swell the wages of the workers, by means of bonuses, etc. This kind of co-operation has had a very limited success. It is easy to see that productive co-operation can only be carried on successfully in those industries which employ small numbers of workers, where a small amount of starting capital only is required for tools, machinery and materials, and where the commodities are destined mainly for local markets. In these days of trusts, combines, and cartels, these conditions are rigorously curtailed. Again, the limited success of a number of such ventures, as in boot and shoe manufacture, is only possible by the fact that the market for the goods is through the channels of consumers' societies.

We must carefully note the distinction between the C. W. S., or local distributive societies' productive side, and co-operation in production proper. The C. W. S. productive side is a development of the distributive side; the status of the workers employed in the factories, etc., being similar to that of those employed by capitalist concerns, neither owning nor controlling the factories.

C. Morrison, in Capital and Labor, notes that "The words co-operation and co-operative have been used by Communist writers to denote that all the members of a community are at work together for the common benefit, instead of working, as at present, each on his own account."

### Utopias and Utopians.

A study of the many utopias and utopians from More's "Utopia" to Robert Owen's "New Moral World," is exceedingly interesting as useful, as many of these utopias inspired numerous co-operative experiments. For example, the disciples of Fourier brought into being the first consumers' societies in France, and we shall refer briefly later on to several ex-

periments in community making in Great Britain.

None of the utopians recognized the class struggle in which the workers are the banner bearers of progress. As Plechanoff points out, "the utopian is one who, starting from an abstract principle, seeks for a perfect social organization."

## Republicans Assail Smith for Veto of Reapportionment Bill

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Aug. 1. — The King county republican executive committee in a resolution bitterly assailed Governor Al Smith for his veto of the reapportionment bill passed the last legislature. This bill would have given the republicans a few more senatorial and assembly districts in Brooklyn.

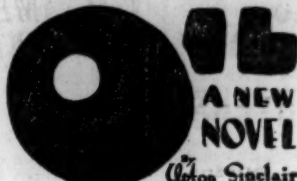
## Lawyers Accused of Smuggling Dope to Chicago Prisoners

Members of the Chicago bar today were accused of smuggling narcotics into the Cook county jail for the benefit of client prisoners. The charge was made before Judge John P. McGorty, who is conducting an inquiry into conditions at the jail, by Fred Hilmes, a former assistant jailer.

## Long Beach Open Forum Will Discuss British Coal Strike

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 1.—Saturday night, August 7, a meeting arranged by the Long Beach Open Forum in the Civic Auditorium Annex, Long Beach, will be addressed by William Schneiderman on "The Lessons of the British General Strike."

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### WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE.

J. Arnold Ross, oil operator, formerly Jim Ross, teamster, is unsuccessful in signing a lease with property holders at Beach City, Cal., because of intrigues of other operators and quarrels among the holders. While he is at Beach City, Bunney, his thirteen-year-old son, meets Paul Watkins, slightly older. Paul has run away from home. His father is a poor rancher in the San Elido Valley who is a "Holy Roller." Paul goes away to make his living on the road and Bunney goes about learning the oil business from his Dad who is bringing in a well at Prospect Hill. Dad was working hard and Bunney suggests a quail hunting trip to the San Elido Valley. Dad agrees and shortly they arrive at the Watkins ranch and pitch their camp. In hunting for quail they find oil oozing out of the ground and Dad wheedles the sale of the ranch out of old Watkins and also arranges to secretly purchase adjacent lands. Paul's little sister, Ruth, and Bunney become friends. Bunney starts to high school at Beach City. With plenty of money and social standing he enters into the life of the school. His Dad warns him of dangers, tobacco, drink and women—a little bashfully on the latter. He falls in love with another student, Rose Taintor. In the meantime Dad's oil business grows rapidly. The World War begins and Dad, along with other capitalists, benefits by selling oil to both belligerents. Christmas holidays come and Dad and Bunney go quail hunting on their new preserve. Bunney meets Ruth again. Ruth tells him that Paul sent her a book that spoke against the bible and that her Dad caught her reading it and whaled her.

The things that Paul had learned about! He had read Huxley and Spencer, and he talked about Galton and Weissmann and Lodge and Lankester, and a lot of names Bunney had never even heard of. Poor Bunney's pitiful little high school knowledge shrank up to nothing; and how silly seemed football victories all of a sudden. Dad didn't know about these matters either; he was a man well into his fifties, but he had never met a student of science before! It was interesting to see how quickly he took hold of these things. Paul told how investigators were trying to find out whether acquired characteristics could be transmitted by heredity; it was a most important question, and Weissmann had cut off the tails of mice to see if the next generations would have tails. But Paul said that was silly, because there wasn't any real change in a mouse when you cut off its tail, no vital quality; the thing to find out was, how long it took the tail to heal up when you cut it off, and whether the new generations of mice could heal up quicker.

Paul said the way to settle the question of inheritance of acquired characteristics was to stimulate the animals to develop some new faculty, and see if new generations would develop it more easily. Dad got the point at once, and said you might learn something by studying trotting horses and their pedigrees; to which Paul replied, exactly. Dad would like to know more about such questions; and Paul had a book with him, which Dad was welcome to read. Ruth was washing the dishes, and Paul went out to get some more wood, and Dad looked at Bunney and said, "That's a fine young fellow, son;" and then Bunney felt a glow of pride, right up to the roots of his hair—because, you see, Paul was his discovery, just like the Paradise oil-field, that was some day going to occupy this spot!

So then Dad settled down to talk business with Paul. Dad wanted someone to occupy this ranch, and Paul said he had thought it over, and would do it if they could make a fair arrangement. Dad asked how he could get along, and Paul said he had saved up three hundred dollars from his wages, and he would get a few goats, and put in some beans this spring, and some strawberries that would bring an income next year; he would pay Dad one-half whatever he got for the crops. They had an argument over that, for Dad thought he ought to pay Paul to act as care-taker, but Paul said he wouldn't take it on that basis, he would insist on going shares, in the regular way they rented land in these parts. And when Mr. Ross came on hunting of fishing trips, Paul of course would move out into the tent. But Dad said no, he was planning to build himself a shack, a better place than this, and Paul might help the carpenter and earn wages if he wanted to. Paul said he could do the building himself, if Dad said so—everything but hanging the doors and windows; a fellow learned to do about all the jobs there were on a ranch. And Dad asked if Ruth would stay with Paul, and Paul said he would settle in the neighborhood, and go easy, and Ruth would come to see him, until gradually his father got used to the idea. It wouldn't be possible to keep Paul and Ruth apart—especially now since Eli was away from home nearly all the time.

So Dad asked about Eli, and the development of the Third Revelation. Only three or four days after Eli had made his announcement in the Paradise Church there had come a deputation from the church at Roseville, saying that they had heard the fame of Eli's miracles, and would he come and preach to them. And Eli preached, and the "signs" were manifested, and so the new prophet grew bolder. Now he was being driven about the country in somebody's costly limousine, and in the back part of the car was a stack of the crutches of people who had been "healed." These crutches would be set up in sight of each new congregation, and nearly always they were added to; and there fell over the head of the prophet a shower of silver dollars and half dollars, and banknotes wrapped in coins. Eli had now given himself a title; he was the Messenger of the Second Coming, and the hour of Christ's return to earth was to be made known through him. Sometimes whole congregations would be swept off their feet and converted to the True Word; or again, some would be converted, and there would be a split, and a new church in that place.

"How do you suppose he works it?" Dad asked. "He really does cure people," said Paul; "there are some about here you can talk to. I've been reading a book on suggestion; it seems that kind of thing has been going on for thousands of years."

"Does he send any money home to his folks?" Dad asked. And Paul smiled, rather grimly. "The money is sacred," he said; "it belongs to the Holy Spirit, and Eli is His treasurer."

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## The Drug Clerks' Union

Like the fellow reading a message from home, who did not know whether to laugh or to cry because of a blurred letter which could drastically alter the meaning of a word, we are at loss whether to giggle or growl over the following comment on the organization of the Chicago Drug Clerks' Union that appeared in the official organ of the Chicago Retail Druggists Association. Our sophisticated readers will probably say: "Some union!" and let it go at that:

"One of the most significant stands this board has taken is the one in regard to the drug clerk's union. After numerous conferences with the officers of the Chicago Drug Clerk's Union, and after having received the promise of their officers to confer with the C. R. D. A. on all questions of policy of the union, your board without a dissenting vote decided to work along with them for the betterment of conditions in the drug business. This is the age of organization, and we as members of the C. R. D. A., who are thoroughly convinced of its value cannot consistently oppose the organization of others. Furthermore we believe that much good will come from this step we have taken, provided the union lives up to its promise and confers with the C. R. D. A. on all problems, so that an equitable solution may be reached. The Drug Clerks' Union realizes that they can accomplish little without the moral support of the C. R. D. A. and it is hardly probable that they will do anything to incur our disapproval. The C. R. D. A. should keep in close touch with the union, and I would recommend that from time to time we send a representative to their meetings to address them on various topics. I believe that it would be advisable to have men address them on subjects of pharmaceutical interest, salesmanship, window dressing, advertising, accounting, profits, etc. If this cannot be done without cost, an appropriation by the C. R. D. A. should be made for that purpose. We all know that a good clerk is more valuable than a poor one, and any money we spend in improving our clerks is well spent. The clerk today realizes that if he wants to make his position more lucrative that it is largely up to him to do so. A proprietor of one of the chain stores has this slogan for his clerks, 'If you want more money get it from the customer, not from the boss.'"

## Another Visit from Abroad

The federal government of Australia is sending to the United States a delegation of industrialists, "representing" employers and employees to investigate the reasons for the industrial prosperity of the United States. The government will pay all the expenses.

This delegation could very well save the time and money spent on the trip as well as the printers' ink and white paper that will be ruined by the written report of what they will surely learn. It is an Australian edition of the Daily Mail investigation which also represented "capital and labor" tho the labor side of it was so watery that even J. H. Thomas did not sponsor it.

As was expected the Daily Mail delegation report, attributed the prosperity of the United States to the better feeling existing between employers and employees in this country. The workers work harder here than in England, produce more, and the employees know how to secure their co-operation. The reasonableness of the American labor leaders was also favorably commented on in contrast to the hostility of the majority of the British leaders.

While the Daily Mail delegation was in the United States it received invitations to dine with members of the executive committee of the A. F. of L. and with some of the nation's leading bankers. The attitude of both was reported to be sane and conservative. Also safe.

The Australian delegation will meet with similar treatment. It will make a similar report. Its object is to lay the foundations for a great campaign against trade unionism in Australia.

Needless to say no bonafide members of Australian trade unions will be in this fake delegation.

This is a good one. When the Deeneen group wanted a clean honorable and honest primary they appealed to their U. S. Marshal Anderson to supply a sufficient number of deputies to insure the inviolability of the sacred ballot against the guns of the Crowe-Barrett-Capone-Thompson-Klondyke O'Donnell gangsters. And what do you think Anderson did? He called up McQueeney's detective agency on West Madison street and authorized that gentleman to supply the help.

Post office automobiles are in for a jolly old winter if Federal Judge Adam J. Cliffe, continues to play the role of Santa Claus until further notice. The judge (O wise and noble judge!) authorized the use of \$250,000 of seized bootleg alcohol for use in mail truck radiators during the cold weather. Hijacking should become a popular outdoor sport next winter.

Fitzpatrick and Nockels advised Judge John McGoorty that they would like to have a hand in the running of the county jail. Half a dozen members of the I. L. G. W. U. are still there for violating the injunction. Now, we see the strategy. If McGoorty appoints John or Ed to the committee said John or Ed will blow a little hole in the wall and let the girls crawl out. This is a better method than asking Len Small for a pardon, or fighting the injunction.

News of a victory for union bakers in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, is encouraging in those days of injunctions. The bakers won recognition of the union, reduction of hours from 72 to 50 a week and time and a half for overtime. Congratulations.

Whether Kenneth Ormiston was or was not with Aimee McPherson in the little cottage by the sea reading the old testament, may not be known for some time. Kenneth disappeared, apparently never having heard the warning: "Woe to the vanished."

Chief of Detectives William Shoemaker is taking a vacation. So is the man who "killed McSwiggin," we fear.

## SOVIET WORKERS REPLY TO THE INQUIRIES FROM UNITED STATES TOILERS

The following letters are from Russian workers in reply to inquiries from their comrades in the United States who are interested in learning how things are going in the Soviet Union. The writers are on the job, in the factories, mines or on the farms. They are all taking a conscious part in building up the economy of their own country. However hard their task is they are confident of success and hopeful that the day is not far distant when the workers of every country will join with them in making this world a heaven for the toilers.

**Dear Comrade Rank:**  
I will try to clear up the questions you do not understand. Firstly you ask whether we have piece work. Yes, piece work does exist and at the present time we cannot get on without it. You evidently misunderstood me.

I wrote the British comrades an article concerning the economic question and the life of the Russian workers in the metal industry. I also wrote about direct piece work. And you speak of some kind of additional pay to my wages.

Further, there are many things I get besides my wages: one pair of sapogs (leather top boots), and a working coat and even trousers for a year. I also get 1 1/2 pounds of soap a month and a towel which is changed once a week.

Under czarism we used to come out of the factories looking like so many devils. The iron founders could pride themselves specially about this.

You ask whether the workers are entitled to free tools supplied by the enterprise. Yes, they are. And if I work with my own tools I get 12 roubles a year for them. A moulder probably gets much more for his tools than a founder. You ask in what form we receive wages. We get them twice a month. We get the money individually in a little envelope, without leaving our places. This is a new innovation which is very convenient.

We have no deductions from our wages. I earn from 100 to 150 roubles a month, from which I make payments to the trade union, and one or two other organizations, which altogether takes up about 8 roubles. We pay our dues here on a percentage basis: the less one receives, the less he pays for membership dues, for rent, and municipal services. Nothing more is taken into account and the workers' pay equally for such things as bread, boots, clothes, for instance.

There is one question I would like to ask you. How much do you earn and what are your expenses. And how is the insurance of workers arranged. With Communist greetings to you.

Ivan Ivanov.  
Address: Moscow, Gavrikova Ulitsa, Leninskiy pereulok, No. 6, Kv. 6.

**From a Peasant Woman.**

**Dear Comrades:**  
We send our warm greetings from the masses of village correspondents from the most distant corners.

Now, comrades of foreign lands, we are all equal; now we have no longer any bloody hangmen—we are rid of them. When we attend general meetings, farm laborers, shepherds, middle peasants or poor peasants are all equal with us; there is place for all and all equally listen to us and equally put our words into action.

At every one of our meetings we sympathize with you in your state of oppression. We know how difficult it is to live under the bourgeois yoke. Dear comrades, get stronger. Rid yourself of the bourgeois oppression.

Before the Soviet regime we also lived under the oppression of the bloody land-owning vampires. They oppressed me and dulled my mind, not allowing me to gain knowledge. When I tried to learn the German or French languages they taught me such nonsense that I had to leave off learning. Now under the Soviet system we are able to learn whatever we are capable of.

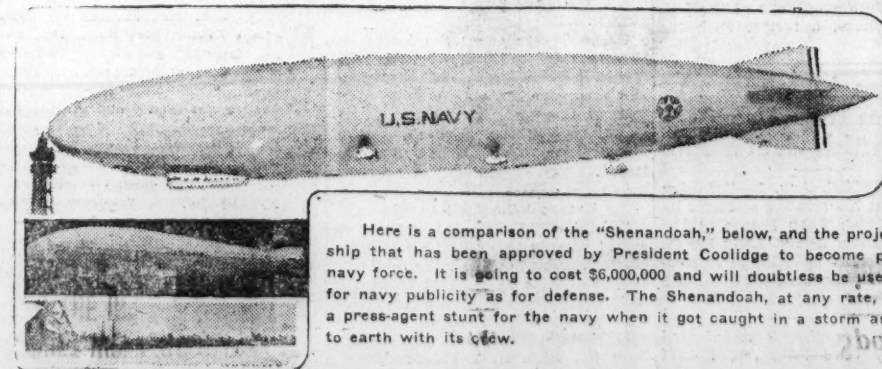
I am a woman farm worker and work for the president of the Peasant Mutual Aid committee in our rural district; in the autumn I am going to take part in higher educational courses.

Well, dear comrades such are our great achievements during the last eight or nine years. Under czarism I could not even think of going to higher courses.

Claudia Rikhomirova.

## U. S. Navy to Build Big Dirigible Three

Times Larger Than Fated Shenandoah



Here is a comparison of the "Shenandoah," below, and the projected giant ship that has been approved by President Coolidge to become part of the navy force. It is going to cost \$6,000,000 and will doubtless be used as much for navy publicity as for defense. The Shenandoah, at any rate, was doing a press-agent stunt for the navy when it got caught in a storm and crashed to earth with its crew.

## France and Spain Divide the Spoils of Moroccan War



France and Spain have just signed what is politely known as a treaty for co-ordination of the activities of the two countries for the "Economic and physical reconstruction of Morocco." This actually means dividing up the mines and resources of the conquered country between big French capital and big Spanish capital. Photo shows, seated, left to right, Aristide Briand, of France, Primo de Rivera, Spanish dictator, and Marshall Pétain of France.

## Last Words on Evolution

By ERNEST HAECKEL.

### PREFACE.

Did a deity make the universe in six days? Did he produce the "first man" by laying a magician's hand on a piece of mud? Did he then extract a rib from the man and magnify it into a woman?

This is the explanation of life given by the supernaturalists. Their gods do everything but what they ought to do. But no matter what they do, the supernaturalists can always tell you there is a good reason for it.

During the eucharistic congress held recently in Chicago the priests changed little bits of cracker and wine into the "body and blood of Christ." Hundreds of thousands of people swallowed the wafers with out feeling that they were guilty of cannibalism. Yet those man-eating catholics would feel highly offended if told they were not made by a god out of a chunk of mud, but descended from a lower form of life and actually were part of the animal kingdom.

Superstition is one of the most effective weapons used against the workers. Superstition is another name for religion. Every worker should be acquainted with the theory of evolution and be in a position to meet the muddled arguments of the supernaturalists.

Ernest Haeckel, the great German scholar, was one of the world's greatest authorities on the subject of evolution.

His book, "Last Words on Evolution," a popular summary of the doctrine of evolution, will be run serially in THE DAILY WORKER. You cannot afford to miss this opportunity to get acquainted or renew your acquaintance with the greatest scientist.—Editor.

IN the beginning of April, 1905, I received from Berlin a very unexpected invitation to deliver a popular scientific lecture at the Academy of Music in that city. I at first declined this flattering invitation, with thanks, sending them a copy of a printed declaration, dated July 17, 1901, which I had made frequent use of, to the effect that "I could not deliver any more public lectures, on account of the state of my health, my advanced age, and the many labors that were still incumbent on me."

I was persuaded to make one departure from this fixed resolution, first, by the pressing entreaties of many intimate friends at Berlin. They represented to me how important it was to give an account myself to the educated Berlin public of the chief evolutionary conclusions I had advocated for forty years. They pointed out emphatically that the increasing reaction in higher circles, the growing audacity of intolerant orthodoxy, the preponderance of Ultramontanism, and the dangers that this involved for freedom of thought in Germany, for the university and the school, made it imperative to take vigorous action. It

happened that I had just been following the interesting efforts that the church has lately made to enter into a peaceful compromise with its deadly enemy, Monistic science. It has decided to accept to a certain extent, and to accommodate to its creed (in a distorted and mutilated form) the doctrine of evolution, which it has vehemently opposed for thirty years. This remarkable change of front on the part of the church militant seemed to me so interesting and important, and at the same time so misleading and mischievous, that I chose it as the subject of a popular lecture, and accepted the invitation to Berlin.

After a few days, when I had written my discourse, I was advised from Berlin that the applications for admission were so numerous that the lecture must either be repeated or divided into two. I chose the latter course, as the material was very abundant. In compliance with an urgent request, I repeated the two lectures (April 17 and 18); and as demands for fresh lectures continued to reach me, I was persuaded to add a "farewell lecture" (on April 19), in which I dealt with a number of important questions that had not been adequately treated.

The noble gift of effective oratory has been denied me by nature. Tho I have taught for eighty-eight terms at the little University of Jena, I have never been able to overcome a certain nervousness about appearing in public, and have never acquired the art of expressing my thoughts in burning language and with appropriate gesture. For these and other reasons I have rarely consented to take part in scientific and other congresses; the few speeches that I have delivered on such occasions, and are issued in collected form, were drawn from me by my deep interest in the great struggle for the triumph of truth. However, in the three Berlin lectures—my last public addresses—I had no design of winning my hearers to my opinions by means of oratory. It was rather my intention to put before them, in connected form, the great groups of bio-

logical facts, by which they could, on impartial consideration, convince themselves of the truth and importance of the theory of evolution.

Readers who are interested in the evolution controversy, as I here describe it, will find in my earlier works ("The History of Creation," "The Evolution of Man," "The Riddle of the Universe" and "The Wonders of Life") a thorough treatment of the views I have summarily presented. I do not belong to the amiable group of "men of compromise," but am in the habit of giving candid and straightforward expression to the convictions which a half-century of serious and laborious study has led me to form. If I seem to be a tactless and inconsiderate "fighter," I pray you to remember that conflict is the father of all things, and that the victory of pure reason over current superstition will not be achieved without a tremendous struggle. But I regard ideas only in my struggles; to the persons of my opponents I am indifferent, bitterly as they have attacked and slandered my own person.

Altho I have lived in Berlin for many years as student and teacher, and have always been in communication with scientific circles there, I have only once before delivered a public lecture in that city. That was on "The Division of Labor in Nature and Human Life" (December 17, 1868). I was, therefore, somewhat gratified to be able to speak there again (and for the last time), after thirty-six years, especially as it was in the very spot, the hall of the Academy of Music, in which I had heard the leaders of the Berlin University speak fifty years ago.

It is with great pleasure that I express my cordial thanks to those who invited me to deliver these lectures, and who did so much to make my stay in the capital pleasant; and also to my hearers for their amiable and sympathetic attention.

Ernest Haeckel.

Jena, May 9, 1905.

(To be continued)

## \$500,000,000 OF AMERICAN CAPITAL USED TO EXPLOIT GERMAN WORKERS

More than \$500,000,000 of American capital has been poured into Germany in the last 30 months, according to a survey of foreign securities offered in the United States issued by the U. S. department of commerce. In the same period the total of all foreign securities offered in this country was \$3,063,620,000, averaging more than \$100,000,000 a month.

These figures, says the department, "show the relative activity of the United States as an underwriting nation and are indispensable in estimating our total growth as a creditor nation. The rapid increase in the number of foreign issues floated here during the past 30 months indicates a sound growth in our ability as a lending nation."

In the first half of 1926 American capitalists invested \$578,853,500 in for-

ign lands. About \$149,195,000 of this was loaned to repay loans previously made by bankers in this country so that the net value of new capital sent abroad was \$429,658,000. The total included 16 issues of \$10,000,000 or more, the five largest loans being \$40,000,000 to Canada, \$38,000,000 to Brazil, \$37,000,000 to the Duke-Price Power Co. of Canada, \$30,000,000 to the United Steel Works of Germany, and \$27,500,000 to Uruguay.

In the first 6 months of 1926 more than 37% of the new capital furnished foreign countries by Americans went into Germany. And nearly 50% went into Europe. Compared with Germany's \$159,720,500 share, Latin America, supposed to be the special empire of American capital, received only \$114,970,000.

Germany's lead as a field for American investment in 1926 is especially noteworthy in the realm of corporate finance. American capitalists provided German industry with \$107,420,500 in the 6 months. This is over 46% of all the new capital which Americans provided for foreign corporations in the period. Europe as a whole got nearly 86% of America's investment in foreign corporations.

Since Jan. 1 1924 \$242,090,000 new capital from this country has been furnished German corporations. German governmental, provincial and municipal issues have been floated in this country to the extent of \$266,450,000. The combined total of capital furnished Germany by the American investing class is \$508,540,000.

The world war opened Germany to the inroads of American capitalist imperialism. American capital is to an increasing extent exploiting the highly skilled German proletariat in competition with the workers at home.

## WITH THE STAFF

Being Things From Here and There Which Have Inspired Us to Folly or Frenzy

### Weigh Boss No. 2

Life is short and art is fleeting, as Art Shields gives us another story or the weigh boss. Here it is:

All cars were alike to the Weigh Boss at No. 2 Mine, Winber, Pennsylvania. Some of them piled high with coal like a hay wagon piled with hay. He weighed them all alike: 1,900 pounds.

One day a 12-ton mine locomotive got stuck on the scales by mistake.

"What does that weigh?" a miner jeered.

"Nineteen hundred!" shouted the Weigh Boss impatiently, without looking up. "Rush it over, you Bugger!"

### A CLEAN SWEEP, WE HOPE.

I called attention to my presence with a question, "Where are you staying?" "At the Mitre." "But that's hardly any distance!" The dismay in my voice stirred her humor. "If I'd known we were to meet this morning, I might have chosen a more distant hotel." She swept me with a mischievous glance.—From a magazine romance.

### PARTY HARMONY.

(And it came to pass, that when Mr. Wright, Negro Republican boss of Chicago's second ward came before Senator Reed, the party discipline of the G. O. P. came into view. Let the republican Tribunes tell it):

Mr. Wright said that he "appointed and removed" the members of his organization; and "they all act in harmony with me, or they don't stay long."

"You have an understanding with them on getting the vote out to the polls?"

"No, I don't have any understanding with them; I instruct them what to do."

### 100 PER CENTERS.

Two years ago George Washington was declared to have been the first of American realtors. A year later a learned graduate of Amherst College proclaimed Jesus Christ the first of Rotarians. Not to be outdone, a committee of true patriots has just elected god to be an American citizen.—From The Nation.

## AN HONORABLE CONCLUSION ACCORDING TO THE NATION

The June session of the Council saw two vast League undertakings brought to an honorable conclusion—the financial construction of Hungary and of Austria. . . . Before the money was made available Austria had to agree to a financial dictatorship comparable to Mussolini's. The Parliament was, indeed, allowed to sit, but not to act. . . . That the "sanitation" has been accomplished at the cost of much unemployment and some social reform is true, and Austria's fundamental difficulty. . . . continues.—From The Nation of July 21.

## WHO SAYS THERE'S NO JUSTICE FOR THE DISINHERITED!

**LONDON**—Baby Geoffrey Russell, four and a half years old, won his right to the British peerage by a decision of Justice Swift in a case that dragged since 1922 and has cost \$200,000. The decision establishes his right to the Lord Amphilil barony.—News item.

### Justice is Blind

It happened in Evanston. The report is as follows:

"City Attorney Irving Stole (no pun) took the top from one of the bottles seized by the police. Foam spattered into his eyes."

### SEQUEL.

"Policeman Tony Schultz went to his rescue by clamping his jaws over the neck of the bottle. After a few swallows the rescue was affected."

**Now You Tell One**

"Neither I nor anyone else in Poland want war. We maintain our army for defensive purposes only." — Marshall Pilsudski.